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# DELAWARE and Wilmington (New Castle, De., Salem, N.J. and Cecil, Md. Counties) SMSA (Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area) LABOR MARKET TRENDS

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## HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware's seasonally adjusted jobless rate rises slightly to 8.1 percent; Nationally, the rate jumped to 8.0 percent as unemployment rose sharply..... Labor turnover estimates reflect Statewide decreases for new hires, recalls and quits, with a slight increase in layoffs..... Continued claim counts rise significantly in Sussex County; Statewide, initial claim counts reach the year's highest level..... Regular UI average unemployment check averaged $102 in October..... The former Pantry Pride Supermarket on Basin Road reopens as Thriftway; 104 persons are employed..... Phoenix Steel furloughs 150 production workers..... Merrill Lynch opens its first downstate office in Dover..... Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index has smallest monthly increase in three years..... President Reagan extends the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit (TJTC) Program.

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

UNEMPLOYMENT.....Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.1 percent of the civilian labor force in October, slightly higher than the 8.0 percent of September, and greater than the 7.7 percent registered a year ago. On an unadjusted basis, Delaware unemployment edged up to 7.1 percent from 6.9 percent in September, signifying there were 19,900 unemployed persons in October, a modest 500 more than in September and about

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (000's)[1/]

| | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | UNADJUSTED | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE | OCT.[2/] 1981 | SEP. 1981 | OCT. 1980 | OCT.[2/] 1981 | SEP. 1981 | OCT. 1980 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 281.3 | 280.3 | 280.2 | 280.7 | 280.4 | 279.8 |
| Employment | 258.6 | 258.0 | 258.6 | 260.8 | 261.1 | 260.8 |
| Unemployment | 22.7 | 22.3 | 21.6 | 19.9 | 19.4 | 19.0 |
| DE Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.1 | 8.0 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 6.8 |
| U.S. Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.0 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 7.1 |
| WILMINGTON SMSA | | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 250.2 | 249.6 | 249.5 | 250.0 | 247.4 | 249.5 |
| Employment | 230.2 | 230.4 | 230.7 | 232.6 | 230.5 | 233.2 |
| Unemployment | 20.0 | 19.2 | 18.8 | 17.3 | 17.0 | 16.3 |
| SMSA Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.0 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.6 |

1/ Place of residence basis. 2/ Preliminary.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1/] BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

| | DELAWARE | | | | | WILMINGTON SMSA | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct 2/ 1981 | Sept. 1981 | Oct. 1980 | Net Change From Sept 1981 | Net Change From Oct 1980 | Oct 2/ 1981 | Sept. 1981 | Oct. 1980 | Net Change From Sept 1981 | Net Change From Oct 1980 |
| Total NonAg. Wage & Salary | 259.6 | 259.9 | 260.7 | -0.3 | -1.1 | 230.8 | 229.9 | 232.1 | +0.9 | -1.3 |
| Manufacturing | 71.8 | 72.3 | 74.1 | -0.5 | -2.3 | 65.4 | 65.6 | 67.6 | -0.2 | -2.2 |
| Durable Goods | 50.7 | 50.7 | 52.7 | 0.0 | -2.0 | 21.5 | 21.7 | 23.4 | -0.2 | -1.9 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.2 | -0.2 | -0.1 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.5 | -0.2 | 0.0 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 1.8 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Machinery & Trans. Equip. | 11.6 | 11.5 | 13.5 | +0.1 | -1.9 | 12.7 | 12.5 | 14.1 | +0.2 | -1.4 |
| Other Durable Goods | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 0.0 | +0.2 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.9 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 21.1 | 21.6 | 21.4 | -0.5 | -0.3 | 43.9 | 43.9 | 44.3 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.7 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Textile Mill Products | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| Apparel | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 31.7 | 31.8 | 32.0 | -0.1 | -0.3 | 34.6 | 34.5 | 34.9 | +0.1 | -0.3 |
| Rubber & Plastic Products | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.3 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 0.0 | +0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 0.0 | +0.2 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 187.8 | 187.6 | 186.6 | +0.2 | +1.2 | 165.4 | 164.3 | 164.5 | +1.1 | +0.9 |
| Contract Construction | 14.6 | 14.7 | 14.8 | -0.1 | -0.2 | 15.4 | 15.3 | 15.2 | +0.1 | +0.2 |
| Trans., Comm. & Public Util. | 12.2 | 12.2 | 12.3 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 11.9 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 55.8 | 56.3 | 55.8 | -0.5 | 0.0 | 47.0 | 47.2 | 47.5 | -0.2 | -0.5 |
| Finance, Ins. & Real Estate | 12.2 | 12.3 | 11.9 | -0.1 | +0.3 | 11.2 | 11.3 | 11.1 | -0.1 | +0.1 |
| Services & Mining | 47.7 | 47.3 | 47.9 | +0.4 | -0.2 | 43.6 | 44.2 | 42.7 | -0.6 | +0.9 |
| Government - Federal | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.5 | +0.2 | -0.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.6 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| - State & Local | 39.8 | 39.7 | 38.7 | +0.1 | +1.1 | 32.0 | 29.8 | 31.5 | +2.2 | +0.5 |
| PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

[1/] Total number of persons on establishment payrolls. [2/] Preliminary.

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*900 above last year. The Wilmington SMSA seasonally adjusted October rate, experiencing movement similar to that of the State, rose from 7.7 percent in September to 8.0 percent. Unadjusted, the rate remained at September's 6.9 percent level, as 17,300 persons were jobless during October. Nationally, unemployment rose sharply in October, leaving the unemployment rate at 8.0 percent, up from 7.5 percent in September and the July 1981 low of 7.0 percent.*

*EMPLOYMENT AND THE LABOR FORCE.....Delaware's unadjusted October employment was estimated at 260,800, down 300 over the month but the same as October of last year. Employment in the SMSA, at 232,600, registered a monthly increase of 2,100 and a yearly decrease of 600. The labor force rose by 300 in the State to 280,700 in October while an increase of 2,600 left the SMSA civilian labor force at 250,000.*

*OUTLOOK.....Seasonally and non-seasonally adjusted rates are expected to rise significantly in both the State and Wilmington SMSA during November.*

*NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT*

*STATEWIDE.....Wage and salary employment, at 259,600, declined 300 monthly and 1,100 yearly. Manufacturing employment, at 71,800, dropped 500 over the month and 2,300 over the year. The monthly*

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE*

| | Weekly Earnings | | | Weekly Hours | | | Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct 1/ 1981 | Sept. 1981 | Oct. 1980 | Oct 1/ 1981 | Sept. 1981 | Oct. 1980 | Oct 1/ 1981 | Sept. 1981 | Oct. 1980 |
| MANUFACTURING | $ 318.67 | $ 322.18 | $ 312.12 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 40.8 | $ 8.15 | $ 8.24 | $ 7.65 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 347.21 | 334.13 | 353.98 | 39.5 | 37.5 | 42.7 | 8.79 | 8.91 | 8.29 |
| Primary Metals | 437.54 | 469.70 | 407.22 | 41.2 | 41.9 | 41.3 | 10.62 | 11.21 | 9.86 |
| Fabricated Metals | 259.75 | 257.04 | 263.27 | 37.7 | 35.9 | 38.1 | 6.89 | 7.16 | 6.91 |
| Machinery & Trans. Equip. | 394.52 | 365.98 | 403.65 | 39.1 | 36.2 | 45.1 | 10.09 | 10.11 | 8.95 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 297.21 | 313.53 | 279.03 | 38.8 | 40.3 | 39.3 | 7.66 | 7.78 | 7.10 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 211.18 | 219.85 | 212.39 | 36.6 | 39.4 | 38.9 | 5.77 | 5.58 | 5.56 |
| Textile Mill Products | 194.47 | 219.82 | 229.27 | 33.3 | 37.9 | 42.3 | 5 84 | 5.80 | 5.42 |
| Apparel | 177.71 | 166.85 | 151.64 | 35.9 | 35.2 | 34.7 | 4.95 | 4.74 | 4.37 |
| Printing & Publishing | 285.08 | 288.49 | 257.04 | 34.1 | 34.8 | 34.0 | 8.36 | 8.29 | 7.56 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 401.06 | 418.48 | 371.79 | 40.8 | 40.2 | 40.5 | 9.83 | 10.41 | 9.18 |
| Rubber & Plastic Products | 340.85 | 367.50 | 322.48 | 40.1 | 42.0 | 42.6 | 8.50 | 8.75 | 7.57 |
| WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)** | | | | | | | | | |
| MANUFACTURING | $ 372.17 | $ 369.15 | $ 368.68 | 39.3 | 37.9 | 41.8 | $ 9.47 | $ 9.74 | $ 8.82 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 383.94 | 369.14 | 382.75 | 39.5 | 37.4 | 43.2 | 9.72 | 9.87 | 8.86 |
| Primary Metals | 437.54 | 469.26 | 407.22 | 41.2 | 42.2 | 41.3 | 10.62 | 11.12 | 9.86 |
| Fabricated Metals | 263.34 | 263.67 | 265.42 | 38.5 | 37.4 | 38.3 | 6.84 | 7.05 | 6.93 |
| Machinery & Trans. Equip. | 398.20 | 366.63 | 410.42 | 39.9 | 36.7 | 45.2 | 9.98 | 9.99 | 9.08 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 354.90 | 369.97 | 347.38 | 39.0 | 38.7 | 39.7 | 9.10 | 9.56 | 8.75 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 190.71 | 179.03 | 214.62 | 34.3 | 31.8 | 38.6 | 5.56 | 5.63 | 5.56 |
| Textile Mill Products | 187.66 | 220.20 | 234.03 | 32.3 | 37.9 | 43.1 | 5.81 | 5.81 | 5.43 |
| Apparel | 180.94 | 179.95 | 162.40 | 33.2 | 32.6 | 34.7 | 5.45 | 5.52 | 4.68 |
| Printing & Publishing | 328.52 | 330.50 | 313.65 | 36.3 | 36.6 | 36.9 | 9.05 | 9.03 | 8.50 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 409.51 | 434.73 | 405.78 | 39.3 | 39.2 | 39.9 | 10.42 | 11.09 | 10.17 |
| Rubber & Plastic Products | 302.19 | 321.37 | 277.50 | 40.4 | 41.9 | 39.7 | 7.48 | 7.67 | 6.99 |

Covers and estimated *36,300 and **28,100 production workers. 1/ Preliminary.

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*decline was due mainly to a 200 loss in the primary metals industry and a 300 seasonal decline in food and kindred products. A 1,900 drop in machinery and transportation equipment, resulting from a general business decline in the auto industry, greatly contributed to the yearly loss. Nonmanufacturing, at 187,800, gained 200 monthly and 1,200 yearly. Over the month, seasonal changes were noted in wholesale and retail trade (-1,300), services and mining (-600) and state and local government (+2,100). Additional declines in beach area establishments accounted for a majority of the drop in wholesale and retail trade. The closing of an area racetrack was responsible for the decline in services and mining, while additional hiring for the new school year accounted for the increase in state and local government. Over the year, significant changes were noted in wholesale and retail trade (-800), services and mining (+800) and state and local government (+1,100). The increase in services and mining was primarily in health, education and social services while the gain in state and local government was concentrated in the education field.*

*SMSA.....Wage and salary employment, at 230,800, rose 900 over the month to a level 1,300 below the year-ago figure. Manufacturing employment, at 65,400, declined 200 monthly and 2,200 yearly. Over the month, both the primary metals industry and other durable goods decreased 200 while machinery and transportation equipment rose 200. Over the year, machinery and transportation equipment dropped 1,400 due to a general business decline in the*

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS
(PER 100 EMPLOYEES)

DELAWARE

| INDUSTRY | ACCESSION RATE | | | | | | | | | SEPARATION RATE | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | | | New Hires | | | Recalls | | | Total | | | Quits | | | Layoffs | | |
| | Oct 81 | Sep81 | Oct80 | Oct 81 | Sep81 | Oct80 | Oct81 | Sep81 | Oct80 | Oct81 | Sep81 | Oct 80 | Oct81 | Sep81 | Oct 80 | Oct81 | Sep81 | Oct 80 |
| All Manufacturing | 1.9 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.3 |
| Durable Goods | 3.2 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 1.3 | 2.1 | 3.6 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 4.3 | 6.4 | 4.1 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.4 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| SELECTED INDUSTRIES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prim. & Fabri. Metals | 3.3 | 4.0 | 4.9 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 6.5 | 3.2 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 0.3 |
| Mach. & Trans. Equip. | 3.9 | 4.9 | 6.3 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 3.9 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 0.5 | 5.4 | 7.4 | 4.1 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 0.2 |
| Other Durables | 1.7 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 1.4 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 4.9 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 1.4 |
| Chemicals | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 | * | * | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | * | * | 0.1 |
| Other Nondurables | 3.2 | 4.8 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 4.0 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 0.3 |
| WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Manufacturing | 1.4 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 2.9 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.2 |
| Durable Goods | 3.1 | 3.6 | 4.6 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 4.3 | 5.7 | 3.1 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 0.2 |
| Nondurable Goods | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| SELECTED INDUSTRIES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prim. & Fabri. Metals | 3.3 | 3.7 | 4.8 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 6.2 | 2.9 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 2.6 | 0.3 |
| Mach. & Trans. Equip. | 3.9 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 3.5 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 5.1 | 7.0 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 0.2 |
| Other Durables | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 3.2 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 0.3 |
| Chemicals | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.2 | * | * | * | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | * | * | 0.1 |
| Other Nondurables | 1.5 | 3.3 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 0.6 |

*Less Than 0.05 1/Preliminary

*auto industry. Nonmanufacturing, at 165,400, rose 1,100 monthly and 900 yearly. Monthly, seasonal losses were noted in wholesale and retail trade (-200) and services and mining (-600) while state and local government rose 2,200. The closing of an area racetrack accounted for the drop in services and mining while additional hiring for the new school year was responsible for the gain in state and local government. Significant yearly changes were noted in wholesale and retail trade (-500), services and mining (+900) and state and local government (+500). The gain in services and mining was concentrated in the area of health, education and social services while local government education accounted for the gain in state and local government.*

*OUTLOOK.....A substantial drop in machinery and transportation equipment is expected in both the State and SMSA resulting from a temporary inventory-related layoff in the auto industry, while a slight decrease in services and mining is anticipated. Hiring for the holiday shopping season should result in gains in wholesale and retail trade while additional seasonal hiring in the education field is expected to boost state and local government employment in both the State and SMSA.*

## *HOURS AND EARNINGS*

*STATEWIDE.....In October, manufacturing production workers earned an average of $318.67 per week, down $3.51 over the month but $6.55 higher over the year. Durable goods weekly earnings, while rising $13.08 monthly to $347.21, registered a yearly decline of $6.77. Average weekly hours in machinery and transportation*

equipment were responsible for the changes in durable goods weekly earnings with a monthly rise of 2.9 hours and a yearly drop of 6.0 hours. A general business decline in the auto industry accounted for the substantial yearly decrease in hours. Nondurable goods weekly earnings declined $16.32 monthly to a level $18.18 above the previous year. Less overtime worked at premium pay in a majority of the industries in this sector was responsible for the monthly decline. Over the year, textile mill products registered a sizable drop in weekly earnings due to a substantial decrease in overtime resulting in much lower average weekly hours.

SMSA.....Manufacturing production workers in October earned an average of $372.17 per week, up $3.02 over the month and $3.49 over the year. Monthly, the average work week increased 1.4 hours to 39.3 hours while the average hourly rate fell $.27 to $9.47. Durable goods weekly earnings rose $14.80 monthly and $1.19 yearly. Machinery and transportation equipment weekly earnings rose $31.57 monthly to $398.20 due to an increase in average weekly hours of 3.2 hours. Less overtime worked at premium pay accounted for the $31.72 decrease in primary metals weekly earnings. Nondurable goods weekly earnings declined $15.07 monthly to $354.90. Less overtime worked at premium pay in chemicals and allied products and rubber and plastic products was primarily responsible for the decrease. Over the year, substantial losses in weekly earnings were registered in machinery and transportation equipment, food and kindred products and textile mill products due to sizable reductions in average weekly hours.

## LABOR TURNOVER IN MANUFACTURING

October estimates in Delaware, compared to September, reflect decreases for new hires, recalls and quits, with a slight increase in layoffs.

Delaware's total accession rate for manufacturing was 1.9 in October dropping from 2.8 in September. In the durable goods sector new hires and recalls fell for both primary and fabricated metals and the machinery and transportation equipment industries. In the nondurable goods sector there were fewer accessions for chemicals, food, paper products and rubber and plastics. The separation rate declined to 2.7 in October from 3.3 in September. Rising layoffs in the nondurable goods sector for food products and rubber and plastics were offset by fewer separations for primary and fabricated metals and machinery and transportation equipment in the durable goods sector.

For the Wilmington SMSA the accession rate dropped to 1.4 in October from 2.0 in September and separations fell to 1.9 from 2.9.

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITY - A KEY ECONOMIC INDICATOR

Statewide continued claim counts rose to 32,500 primarily as a

result of a one-week temporary layoff at an area auto plant. Last October the count stood at a non-auto affected 28,800, comparable to this month's 28,200, excluding autos. For the week that includes the 12th of the month the count registered 7,100, some 300 and 700 above September and year ago counts, respectively. The counts dropped in New Castle County (-11 percent), rose slightly in Kent County and increased significantly in Sussex County (+64 percent). Statewide, the weekly level is expected to rise considerably in November.

Initial claims, affected by the auto industry, rose from 3,700 in September to 9,000 in October, the highest recording since last January. Excluding auto workers, the Statewide count was still well above September's level, primarily as a result of large increases in Kent and Sussex Counties. New Castle County's counts rose moderately.

Weeks of Regular UI benefits compensated totaled 32,597 in October, with a benefit amount of $3,249,823 paid out. The average size of payment for UI Regular total unemployment was $102 in October.

DEVELOPMENTS STATEWIDE AND BY COUNTY - Presented below are summaries of major industrial, commercial and economic activities which impact the State's economy and have appeared in public media.

STATEWIDE - Despite the decline in construction nationally, the value of all construction contracts in Delaware is up 6.7 percent from 1980 totals, according to the F.W. Dodge division of McGraw Hill Inc. Most of the increase is due to a boom in commercial and industrial building, although, surprisingly, even housing starts are 8 percent higher than a year ago.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - Construction will begin in November on a new five-story office building for the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce at 12th and Orange Streets..... Maryland National Corp. will locate its new subsidiary, Central Atlantic Bank, at the intersection of Delaware 4 and Delaware 273 in Newark in a vacant supermarket. About 135 full-time and about 50 part-time employees will have been hired by the end of the first year of operation..... Beneficial Corp. announced a loss of $40.4 million for the third quarter and said it will layoff 200 employees at its office in Morristown, N.J. and close 400 loan offices by the end of the year. With a sweeping corporate reorganization that means the transfer or layoff of up to 45 people in Wilmington, Beneficial Corp. plans to build up its banking system and will concentrate banking operations in New Castle County to get ready for interstate banking. The firm plans to move its Wilmington operations to a new $12 million headquarters on Carr Road near Woodside Manor. About 20 of the 300 employees in Wilmington will be laid off but growth in credit-card operations is expected to restore the jobs eventually..... The former Pantry Pride Supermarket on Basin Road in the Penn Mart Shopping Center reopened

as a Thriftway Supermarket. Approximately 104 persons are employed..... Phoenix Steel Corp., plagued by declining orders for its plate steel products, has furloughed 150 production workers at its Claymont mill. The furlough is expected to last four to six months..... Delaware has issued the state's first commercial petroleum pipeline permit to the Getty Pipeline Company for construction of a 23-mile long line along U.S. 13 from Delaware City to Marcus Hook, PA.

KENT COUNTY - About 250 production and warehouse workers recently laid off at the General Foods Corp. plant in Dover, may be out of work until sometime in the first quarter of 1982..... Merrill Lynch, the stock brokerage firm, will open its first downstate Delaware office in Dover by January 1, 1982. The office will employ from 5 to 15 brokers.

SUSSEX COUNTY - A plan to spur economic growth in Sussex County won the unanimous approval of county councilmen. The revenue bond program, passing with no objections, **aims** at attracting new business by allowing the county to act as a go-between in obtaining money for businesses wishing to locate in the county. In conjunction with the bond program, the results of a county job service known as Sussex Search were announced. "With these two occurrences," County Administrator Joseph T. Conaway said, "the county is once again demonstrating its commitment to providing jobs for the people of Sussex County.

THE AUTO INDUSTRY

Chrysler Corp. reported that it lost $149.3 million in the third quarter, less than one-third its losses for the period last year. Ford Motor Co. stated that it lost $335 million during the same period while General Motors lost $468 million and American Motors Corp., $16.8 million..... The number of indefinite layoffs at the five major domestic automakers rose to 176,820 in November and is expected to rise further in the coming weeks.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

In the Philadelphia Area the Consumer Price Index for October rose by 0.1 percent, the smallest increase in over three years. Over the last twelve months, area prices have risen by 10.8 percent. Lower food, housing and medical care costs almost counterbalanced higher transportation and entertainment prices. Declining energy charges, lower for the third consecutive month, and steady apparel prices also helped to moderate the monthly increase.

Food and beverage prices fell 0.4 percent in October after gaining every month since February 1980. Over the past year, food and beverage prices have increased 6.2 percent. After nearly two years of successive monthly gains, housing prices decreased 0.4 in October. Despite this decline the area housing component

has registered a 13.7 price increase during the past twelve months. Transportation prices rose 1.5 percent this month and have jumped 11.9 percent since October, 1980. Medical care costs dropped 0.2 percent, the first monthly decline since May, 1980, but over-the-year increases have been 11.3 percent. Entertainment prices rose 0.9 and 10.8 percent over the month and year, respectively. After rising sharply for the past two months, there was no change in apparel prices in October. An over-the-year rise in apparel prices of 3.7 percent was the lowest of any major component. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics announced the National CPI for All Urban Consumers was 279.9, representing a rise of 0.2 percent, the smallest monthly gain since July, 1980. The national index has risen 10.2 percent during the past twelve months.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY

Unfilled Job Openings registered with the Employment Service that were in demand during October were as follows:

STATEWIDE.....Sales clerks, 63 openings; auto mechanic apprentice, 43; sales person, general merchandise, 28; hand packager, 22; cashier-checker, 17; industrial cleaner, 12; sales person, women's apparel, 8; sales person, stereo equipment, 7; electrician, 7; counter attendant, cafeteria, 6; cooks, hotel or restaurant, 6; and nurse's aide, 6 openings.

SMSA.....Building maintenance repairers, 16 openings; railroad transportation occupations, 9; police officers, 5; secretaries, 3; horticulturists, 3; construction painters, 3; miscellaneous construction workers, 3; light truck drivers, 3; sales, home furnishings and appliances, 2; sales, business machines, 2; chefs and cooks, 2; and porters and cleaners, 2 openings.

Characteristics of the Job Seeker at the end of October reveals that:

STATEWIDE.....Of approximately 9,900 active applicants tabulated, 50 percent were minority group members, 54 percent were female, 20 percent were under 22 years old and 14 percent were over 45 years old. The three largest occupational categories were service workers, 28 percent of the applicants; clerical and sales workers, 26 percent; and structural workers, 16 percent.

1/ Due to a different source of information being used Characteristic tabulations vary from previous months.

2/ SMSA.....Of the 6,100 active applicants, 54 percent were minority group members, 54 percent were female, 19 percent were under 22 years old and 13 percent were over 45 years old. The three largest occupational categories were service workers, 28 percent of the applicants; clerical and sales workers, 26 percent; and structural workers, 16 percent.

## TARGETED JOBS TAX CREDIT (TJTC) EXTENDED

The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit Program, which has offered tax credits to private employers who hire workers from targeted groups since its inception in March 1979, has been extended for a year. Continuation of the program through December 1982, was enacted on August 13 when the President signed the Economic Recovery Tax Act, in which TJTC was included.

Some new rules that apply to the elective credit are: employers must request certification prior to the worker's employment starting date; and the request should be in writing, either in the form of a letter or the submission of a voucher that Job Service previously issued to the prospective employee.

All private employers engaged in trade or business can apply if they hire workers in one of the following groups: economically disadvantaged Vietnam-era veterans, Voc-Rehab referrals, economically disadvantaged youth aged 18-24, persons on supplemental security income, economically disadvantaged youth in cooperative education programs, ex-convicts who are economically disadvantaged, GA recipients, WIN registrants, involuntarily terminated (after December 31, 1980) CETA employees hired after August 13, 1981, and beginning January 1, 1982, recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC).

Employers can contact their local Job Service office for determination of whether or not a person is eligible and also to request, when placing a job order, that the Job Service office refer TJTC eligible applicants to them.

From October 1, 1980 through September 30, 1981, 430 workers in Delaware qualified their employers for the tax credit, with Job Service processing 340 certifications, and other agencies participating in the program processing 90.

Technical regulations on the tax credit and the appropriate schedule can be obtained from an Internal Revenue Service Office.

2 Data was estimated from Statewide October data using September appropriate ratios.

*PUBLICATION ANNOUNCMENT*

*The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) announces the release of the following publication:*

*"Occupational Employment Statistics, Federal, State and Local Government, Delaware 1979" - presents tables and narrative depicting occupational staffing patterns for the three levels of government. Included is a section comparing total employment for Federal, State and Local Government during the 1972 to 1979 interval.*

*A copy may be obtained by sending a written request to Mr. David Goland, Chief of OPRE at the return address on the back of this release.*

NOTICE

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) SEMINAR

The Delaware Department of Labor, in conjunction with the State Chamber of Commerce and the Employer's Advisory Committee, is holding an all day seminar on UI for employers in the State. This seminar will be used to present a new employer's handbook on UI, and to provide informative workshops on related topics. The four workshops will cover: UI tax, Job Service for employers, Legislative issues, and UI and labor statistics survey forms.

The seminar will be held at Clayton Hall on the north campus of the University of Delaware from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, February 25, 1982. A check for the admission fee of $25.00, which includes lunch, made payable to the State of Delaware, should be received as soon as possible.

Only the first 150 registrants can be accommodated.

If you wish to participate, please use the coupon below.

Please limit attendance to two (2) participants per firm.

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Unemployment Insurance Seminar
Secretary's Office
Delaware Department of Labor
Carvel Building
820 North French Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

PLEASE ENROLL ME FOR THE LABOR DEPARTMENT UI SEMINAR OF FEBRUARY 25, 1982. MY CHECK FOR $25.00 IS ENCLOSED.

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ADDRESS:_____

CITY:_____ STATE:_____ ZIP:_____

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# DELAWARE and Wilmington (New Castle, De., Salem, N.J. and Cecil, Md. Counties) SMSA (Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area) LABOR MARKET TRENDS

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## HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware's seasonally adjusted rate jumps sharply in November to 9.7 percent; Nationally, unemployment rose sharply for the second straight month, leaving the jobless rate at 8.4 percent..... Continued claim counts continue to rise..... Regular UI average unemployment check averages $104 during November..... Citibank, the nation's largest bank, will build a computer center at a New Castle County industrial park..... A & P to close 21 supermarkets in Maryland and Delaware in the near future..... Sewatch International, in Milford, will begin processing clams creating some 114 new jobs..... Perdue Incorporated will move all its Cornish Hen operations to Felton..... Morgan Bank (Delaware) begins operations..... Automobile production levels for November are the lowest since 1970..... Philadelphia area prices experience a monthly drop for the first time in nearly four years.

## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

UNEMPLOYMENT.....Unemployment rose sharply in November as Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate jumped to 9.7 percent from 8.1 percent in October and was much higher than the 7.4 percent registered in November, 1980. The increases are primarily attributable to a temporary layoff of

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (000's)[1/]

| | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | UNADJUSTED | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE | NOV[2/] 1981 | OCT. 1981 | NOV. 1980 | NOV[2/] 1981 | OCT. 1981 | NOV. 1980 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 285.4 | 281.5 | 282.6 | 282.5 | 280.9 | 280.3 |
| Employment | 257.6 | 258.7 | 261.7 | 256.7 | 260.9 | 261.0 |
| Unemployment | 27.8 | 22.8 | 20.9 | 25.7 | 20.1 | 19.3 |
| DE Unemployment Rate (%) | 9.7 | 8.1 | 7.4 | 9.1 | 7.1 | 6.9 |
| U.S. Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.4 | 8.0 | 7.5 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 7.1 |
| WILMINGTON SMSA | | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 251.7 | 249.9 | 249.5 | 252.2 | 249.7 | 250.8 |
| Employment | 226.3 | 229.9 | 231.5 | 228.9 | 232.3 | 234.2 |
| Unemployment | 25.4 | 20.1 | 18.0 | 23.4 | 17.4 | 16.6 |
| SMSA Unemployment Rate (%) | 10.1 | 8.0 | 7.2 | 9.3 | 7.0 | 6.6 |

1/ Place of residence basis. 2/ Preliminary.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1] BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

| | DELAWARE | | | | | WILMINGTON SMSA | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nov. 2/ 1981 | Oct. 1981 | Nov. 1980 | Net Change From Oct 1981 | Net Change From Nov 1980 | Nov. 2/ 1981 | Oct. 1981 | Nov. 1980 | Net Change From Oct 1981 | Net Change From Nov1980 |
| Total NonAg. Wage & Salary | 256.7 | 259.7 | 262.4 | -2.6 | -5.5 | 229.2 | 231.2 | 233.6 | -2.0 | -4.4 |
| Manufacturing | 67.7 | 71.4 | 74.1 | -3.7 | -6.4 | 61.7 | 65.3 | 67.6 | -3.6 | -5.9 |
| Durable Goods | 17.0 | 20.5 | 23.0 | -3.5 | -6.0 | 17.9 | 21.4 | 23.5 | -3.5 | -5.6 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.6 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| Machinery & Trans. Equip. | 7.9 | 11.5 | 13.5 | -3.6 | -5.6 | 9.2 | 12.7 | 14.1 | -3.5 | -4.9 |
| Other Durable Goods | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.2 | +0.1 | 0.0 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 5.0 | +0.1 | -0.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 50.7 | 50.9 | 51.1 | -0.2 | -0.4 | 43.8 | 43.9 | 44.1 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 8.5 | 8.7 | 8.8 | -0.2 | -0.1 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Textile Mill Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| Apparel | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.0 | -0.1 | +0.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 31.6 | 31.5 | 31.9 | +0.1 | -0.3 | 34.7 | 34.6 | 35.0 | +0.1 | -0.3 |
| Rubber & Plastic Products | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.9 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.0 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.6 | -0.1 | +0.1 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 189.1 | 188.3 | 188.3 | +1.1 | +1.1 | 167.4 | 165.9 | 166.0 | +1.5 | +1.4 |
| Contract Construction | 14.3 | 15.0 | 14.6 | -0.1 | +0.3 | 15.7 | 15.7 | 15.2 | 0.0 | +0.5 |
| Trans., Comm. & Public Util. | 12.2 | 12.2 | 12.3 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 56.0 | 55.2 | 56.6 | +0.8 | -0.6 | 48.3 | 47.3 | 48.5 | +1.0 | -0.4 |
| Finance, Ins. & Real Estate | 12.0 | 11.9 | 11.8 | +0.1 | +0.2 | 11.3 | 11.2 | 11.1 | +0.1 | +0.2 |
| Services & Mining | 48.9 | 48.6 | 47.7 | +0.3 | +0.6 | 43.4 | 43.6 | 42.5 | -0.2 | +0.9 |
| Government - Federal | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.5 | -0.1 | -0.2 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| - State & Local | 40.6 | 39.0 | 39.8 | +0.7 | +0.8 | 32.8 | 32.1 | 32.5 | +0.7 | +0.3 |
| PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

[1]/Total number of persons on establishment payrolls. [2]/Preliminary.

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*auto workers. Nonseasonally influenced, the volume of unemployment statewide climbed 5,600 to 25,700, leaving the rate at 9.1 percent as compared to 7.1 percent in October and 6.9 percent a year ago. The Wilmington SMSA seasonally adjusted November rate, affected by similar factors as the State, rose from 8.0 percent in October to 10.1 percent. Unadjusted, the SMSA rate was 9.3 in November, with 23,400 persons unemployed in the area, 6,000 more than the previous month.*

*EMPLOYMENT AND THE LABOR FORCE.....November statewide actual employment decreased from 260,900 in October to 256,700. In the SMSA a decrease of 3,400 occurred leaving the level at 228,900. Delaware's civilian labor force rose to 282,500, an increase of 1,600 from October, while the SMSA labor force totaled 252,200, some 1,500 more than last month.*

*OUTLOOK.....Seasonally adjusted and actual December rates should drop in both the State and Wilmington SMSA as automobile production workers return to work.*

*NATIONALLY AND SURROUNDING AREAS.....The U. S. Department of Labor announced that the national seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 8.4 percent of the work force in*

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE*

| | Weekly Earnings | | | Weekly Hours | | | Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nov. 1/ 1981 | Oct. 1981 | Nov. 1980 | Nov. 1/ 1981 | Oct. 1981 | Nov. 1980 | Nov. 1/ 1981 | Oct. 1981 | Nov. 1980 |
| MANUFACTURING | $321.01 | $324.37 | $ 342.61 | 39.1 | 38.8 | 43.7 | $ 8.21 | $ 8.36 | $ 7.84 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 365.24 | 361.69 | 401.74 | 39.7 | 39.4 | 47.6 | 9.20 | 9.18 | 8.44 |
| Primary Metals | 423.12 | 437.54 | 420.43 | 41.0 | 41.2 | 41.3 | 10.32 | 10.62 | 10.18 |
| Fabricated Metals | 257.33 | 258.86 | 287.92 | 36.5 | 37.3 | 40.1 | 7.05 | 6.94 | 7.18 |
| Machinery & Trans. Equip. | 420.69 | 394.68 | 456.95 | 39.8 | 39.0 | 51.4 | 10.57 | 10.12 | 8.89 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 295.67 | 296.44 | 290.97 | 38.7 | 38.3 | 40.3 | 7.64 | 7.74 | 7.22 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 214.11 | 210.61 | 211.23 | 39.0 | 36.5 | 38.9 | 5.49 | 5.77 | 5.43 |
| Textile Mill Products | 227.02 | 208.54 | 231.42 | 37.9 | 34.3 | 39.9 | 5.99 | 6.08 | 5.80 |
| Apparel | 172.30 | 178.85 | 160.65 | 35.6 | 36.5 | 36.1 | 4.84 | 4.90 | 4.45 |
| Printing & Publishing | 284.42 | 285.08 | 254.27 | 33.5 | 34.1 | 33.5 | 8.49 | 8.36 | 7.59 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 395.46 | 395.97 | 392.54 | 39.0 | 39.4 | 42.3 | 10.14 | 10.05 | 9.28 |
| Rubber & Plastic Products | 346.68 | 354.06 | 316.47 | 40.5 | 41.9 | 41.1 | 8.56 | 8.45 | 7.70 |
| WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)** | | | | | | | | | |
| MANUFACTURING | $373.97 | $370.60 | $ 396.49 | 39.2 | 39.3 | 44.4 | $ 9.54 | $ 9.43 | $ 8.93 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 389.67 | 384.34 | 426.02 | 39.4 | 39.5 | 47.6 | 9.89 | 9.73 | 8.95 |
| Primary Metals | 423.12 | 437.54 | 420.43 | 41.0 | 41.2 | 41.3 | 10.32 | 10.62 | 10.18 |
| Fabricated Metals | 264.28 | 266.11 | 289.76 | 37.7 | 38.4 | 40.3 | 7.01 | 6.93 | 7.19 |
| Machinery & Trans. Equip. | 414.63 | 398.40 | 464.53 | 40.1 | 40.0 | 51.3 | 10.34 | 9.96 | 9.02 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 355.94 | 351.00 | 351.05 | 38.9 | 39.0 | 39.4 | 9.15 | 9.00 | 8.91 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 223.02 | 190.71 | 197.48 | 37.8 | 34.3 | 33.7 | 5.90 | 5.56 | 5.86 |
| Textile Mill Products | 230.44 | 205.97 | 236.93 | 38.6 | 33.6 | 40.5 | 5.97 | 6.13 | 5.85 |
| Apparel | 169.81 | 178.18 | 140.71 | 32.1 | 34.2 | 28.6 | 5.29 | 5.21 | 4.92 |
| Printing & Publishing | 325.03 | 328.52 | 313.65 | 35.1 | 36.3 | 36.9 | 9.26 | 9.05 | 8.50 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 411.34 | 397.45 | 413.51 | 39.4 | 38.7 | 40.7 | 10.44 | 10.27 | 10.16 |
| Rubber & Plastic Products | 318.10 | 312.64 | 273.86 | 41.8 | 41.3 | 38.9 | 7.61 | 7.57 | 7.04 |

Covers and estimated *32,300 and **424,400 production workers. 1/ Preliminary.

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*November from 8.0 percent last month. In Pennsylvania, the rate was 9.0 percent as compared to 8.9 percent in October while in both New York and New Jersey the rates registered 7.5 percent, higher than the 6.9 and 7.1 percents, respectively, of the previous month.*

*NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT*

*STATEWIDE.....Wage and salary employment, at 256,900, dropped 2,800 over the month and 5,500 over the year. Manufacturing employment, at 67,700, declined 3,700 monthly and 6,400 yearly. Machinery and transportation equipment was primarily responsible for these losses with drops of 3,600 over the month and 5,600 over the year. A temporary inventory-related layoff in the auto industry accounted for the monthly loss and together with a general business decline also accounted for the yearly drop. In November, food and kindred products sustained a seasonal drop of 200. Nonmanufacturing, at 189,300, rose 1,100 over the month and year. Seasonal factors accounted for the monthly changes in wholesale and retail trade (+800), services and mining (-300) and state and local government (+700). These factors are respectively; hiring for the holiday shopping season, weather related declines in outdoor recreation activities, and additional hiring in local government (schools) to meet specific demands. Over*

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS
(PER 100 EMPLOYEES)

DELAWARE

| INDUSTRY | ACCESSION RATE | | | | | | | | | SEPARATION RATE | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | | | New Hires | | | Recalls | | | Total | | | Quits | | | Layoffs | | |
| | Nov 81 | Oct81 | Nov80 | Nov 81 | Oct81 | Nov80 | Nov 81 | Oct81 | Nov 80 | Nov 81 | Oct81 | Nov80 | Nov 81 | Oct81 | Nov80 | Nov 81 | Oct81 | Nov81 |
| All Manufacturing | 6.5 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 5.2 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 7.0 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 5.7 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Durable Goods | 21.7 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 19.6 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 23.2 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 21.4 | 1.7 | 1.9 |
| Nondurable Goods | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| SELECTED INDUSTRIES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prim. & Fabri. Metals | 3.1 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 1.2 |
| Mach. & Trans. Equip. | 44.1 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 41.5 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 47.2 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 44.4 | 1.8 | 2.1 |
| Other Durables | 1.5 | 1.7 | 3.3 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 1.8 |
| Chemicals | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | * | * | * | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | * | * | * |
| Other Nondurables | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 3.3 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 2.2 | 1.6 |
| WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Manufacturing | 6.6 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 5.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 6.9 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 6.1 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| Durable Goods | 21.0 | 3.1 | 2.4 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 19.1 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 22.3 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 20.4 | 1.7 | 1.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| SELECTED INDUSTRIES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prim. & Fabri. Metals | 2.8 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 2.5 | 1.7 | 1.3 |
| Mach. & Trans. Equip. | 38.4 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 36.0 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 41.5 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 38.6 | 1.6 | 2.0 |
| Other Durables | 2.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 3.1 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 2.0 | 0.3 |
| Chemicals | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | * | * | * | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | * | * | * |
| Other Nondurables | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.5 |

*Less Than 0.05 1/ Preliminary

*the year, significant changes were again noted in wholesale and retail trade (-600) services and mining (+600) and state and local government (+800). The loss in wholesale and retail trade resulted from a general business decline in the retail sector. The gains in services and mining and state and local government continue to be concentrated in the respecitve fields of private health, education and social services and public education.*

*SMSA.....Wage and salary employment, at 229,200, fell 2,000 monthly and 4,400 yearly. Manufacturing employment, at 61,700, declined 3,600 over the month and 5,900 over the year. Machinery and transportation equipment registered monthly and yearly losses of 3,500 and 4,900 resulting from an inventory-related layoff in the auto industry during the current month and a general business decline over the past year. Nonmanufacturing, at 167,400, gained 1,500 monthly and 1,400 yearly. Monthly rises in wholesale and retail trade (+1,000) and state and local government (+700) were partially offset by a seasonal decline in services and mining (-200). Hiring for the holiday season accounted for the gain in trade while additional employment gains in the education field were responsible for the increase in state and local government. Over the year, significant gains were noted in contract construction (+500) and services and mining (+900) with the latter concentrated in the area of health, education and social services.*

OUTLOOK.....A gain in machinery and transportation equipment is anticipated in both the State and SMSA resulting from the return of workers after a temporary inventory-related layoff in the auto industry. Additional hiring for the holiday shopping season is expected to favor wholesale and retail trade. Seasonal factors should produce a rise in services and mining as well as a drop in contract construction in December.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

STATEWIDE.....In November, manufacturing production workers earned an average of $321.01 per week, down $3.36 over the month and $21.60 over the year. Durable goods weekly earnings, with a monthly increase of $3.55, declined $36.50 yearly to $365.24. Machinery and transportation equipment, with a $.45 increase in average hourly earnings, accounted for the monthly gain and, with an over-the-year decrease in average weekly hours of 11.6 hours, also was responsible for the yearly loss. Higher paid workers in the auto industry accounted for the increase in hourly earnings while substantially less overtime in this industry resulted in the yearly decline in weekly hours. Nondurable goods weekly earnings declined $.77 monthly to $295.67. Lower average weekly hours in rubber and plastic products and other nondurable goods was primarily responsible for this drop.

SMSA.....Manufacturing production workers in November earned an average of $373.97 per week, up $3.37 over the month but $22.52 lower over the year. Durable goods weekly earnings rose $5.33 monthly to a level $36.35 below the year-ago figure. Machinery and transportation equipment accounted for these changes due respectively to higher paid workers and less overtime worked. Nondurable goods weekly earnings gained $4.94 monthly and $4.89 yearly. Wage rate increases in chemicals and allied products were responsible for the monthly increase while higher average hourly earnings throughout the sector accounted for the yearly rise.

LABOR TURNOVER IN MANUFACTURING

According to Delaware preliminary estimates, recalls and layoffs rose sharply in November, primarily as a result of the auto industry (machinery and transportation equipment), while new hires and quits declined slightly. Several thousand auto workers were involved in a temporary layoff in November but were subsequently recalled later in the month.

The total accession rate, which includes recalls, was 6.5 for Delaware in November compared to 1.9 in October. Unlike machinery and transportation, total accessions dropped slightly for primary and fabricated metals, paper products and apparel. However, accessions rose for food products and chemicals as

new hires rose. The separation rate jumped to 7.0 in November from 2.7 in October. In the durable goods sector, primary and fabricated metals emulated machinery and transportation equipment with increased layoffs. For the nondurables sector, total separations increased slightly for paper products, but declined for food, apparel, printing and publishing, and chemicals. The Wilmington SMSA's accession rate rose to 6.6 in November from 1.4 in October and the separation rate increased to 6.9 from 1.9.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITY - A KEY ECONOMIC INDICATOR

Continued claim counts rose in November primarily as a result of an area auto plant two-week temporary layoff. The count, at 37,500, rose 5,000 over the month and was 12,200 more than a year ago when no temporary auto layoffs occurred. Excluding auto workers, the November count stood at 30,800, 2,600 more than the October level of 28,200. For the week that includes the 12th of the month, the count rose 4,300 to 11,400. A year ago there were 6,800 continued claims. Areawise, weekly counts rose in each county: New Castle by 77 percent; Kent, 8 percent; and Sussex by 20 percent. During December the statewide weekly level should drop as the monthly count rises.

Initial claims increased slightly in November to 9,300. Excluding auto workers, the count rose 500 over the month as Sussex County experienced a sharp gain of 400 or 25 percent. New Castle County's count remained relatively stable while Kent's dropped 10 percent. The interstate liable non-auto related tally registered a 17 percent monthly gain.

Weeks of Regular UI benefits compensated totaled 35,248 in November, with a benefit amount of $3,571,557 paid out. The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment rose $2 to $104 in November.

DEVELOPMENTS STATEWIDE AND BY COUNTY - Presented below are summaries of major industrial, commercial and economic activities which impact the State's economy and have appeared in public media.

STATEWIDE - Construction continued to be strong in Delaware during October when the value of contracts for future construction rose 150 percent over the year, the F. W. Dodge Division of McGraw Hill Inc. reported. All sectors improved with non-residential construction increasing over 700 percent; residential construction, less than 1 percent; and non-building construction 162 percent.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - DuPont Company plans to double production of "Kalrez" perfluoroelastomer parts at a new 7-acre site on Marrows Road near Newark. Production facilities will be moved from Germay Park near Wilmington with 75 employees

being relocated and new employees hired as the business expands. Production at the new site will begin in late 1982..... Phoenix Steel Corporation won a tank armor order from Chrysler Corporation. A spokesman said that the order isn't unusually large and it won't have much of an impact on employment at the Claymont mill, however, hopes are that the order will have a positive impact on its business..... Final details have been worked out allowing Citibank, the nation's largest bank, to build its $10 million computer center at New Castle County's industrial park adjacent to the Greater Wilmington Airport. About 300 construction workers will be employed with completion scheduled for early July..... E. F. Hutton Group Inc. has filed with the state bank commissioner to set up the E. F. Hutton Trust Company at 901 N. Market Street in Wilmington. About four or five jobs are involved..... Morgan Bank (Delaware) officially opened its doors in December. The bank now employing 65 people, 45 of whom were hired in Delaware, expects to reach more than 100 by the end of next year..... A & P will close its supermarket in Polly Drummond near Newark about January 16.

KENT COUNTY - ILC Dover Inc., of Frederica, has been awarded a $4.79 million contract by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the U. S. Air Force to manufacture protective suits for workers at the launch and landing sites of the space shuttle. It could mean an additional 30 to 40 jobs when the actual manufacturing of the suits get underway in about a year..... Sewatch International, in Milford since 1978, is undergoing a $2 million expansion of its current canning operation to include the processing of clams. The plant will open within 90 days and create 114 new jobs.

SUSSEX COUNTY - Perdue Inc. will be moving all of its Cornish Hen operations to the former Swift Premium plant in Felton by the first of the year. Current production is now done primarily at the firm's Salisbury, Maryland plant..... Draper-King Cole Inc. in Milton may be forced to eliminate winter production and 500 jobs if Conrail abandons a critical rail link to the cannery..... A & P will close its store in Seaford about January 16..... The Sussex County Council agreed to insure low-interest industrial revenue bonds to finance construction in the Sussex County Industrial Park of two hangers in which the interiors of small, "executive" jets could be renovated. At least 100 new jobs will result as Georgetown Aircraft Services will employ mainly skilled craftsman such as carpenters and sheetmetal workers.

SURROUNDING AREAS - The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. will close 21 supermarkets in Maryland and Delaware, eliminating 525 jobs, a union official announced. Most of the store closings will occur in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, however, four small stores will be closed in Baltimore, several stores on Maryland's Eastern Shore and five in Delaware..... DuPont Company plans a multi-million

dollar renovation at the Jackson laboratory at the Chambers Works in Deepwater, New Jersey to provide process-development studies for new drugs. The project will add 35 to 40 new research and office jobs.....Two firms have asked Cecil County,.Maryland to back industrial revenue bonds to finance their move to the area: Rapidgear Repair Company wants to close its plant in New Castle County and build a $2 million repair plant on a 65-acre site on Elkton Road near the Cecil County Airport. They also plan to build a manufacturing plant for small gears at the same site. The repair plant would employ 12 to 15 workers and the manufacturing operation about 15; Delaware Luggage Company, of Lenni, Pennsylvania, wants to consolidate its two Pennsylvania locations and expand its operations. The plant would employ 85 to 100 unskilled workers.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY

Unfilled Job Openings in demand, registered with the Employment Service during November were as follows:

STATEWIDE.....Sales clerk, 60 openings; automobile mechanic, 33; insurance sales agent, 9; stereo equipment salesperson, 7; secretary, 6; clerk-typist, 6; general merchandise salesperson, 6; food counter attendant, 6; cook, 6; correction officer, 6; electrician, 6; and cashier checker, 5.

SMSA.....Insurance salesperson, 8 openings; cook, 5; horticultural occupations, 3; secretary, 3; typist, 3; furniture or appliance salesperson, 2; cashier, 2; shipping and receiving clerk, 2; utility serviceman, 2; electrical appliance repairman, 2; and packager, 2 openings.

Characteristics of the Job Seeker at the end of November reveals that:

STATEWIDE 1/ .....Of approximately 8,400 active applicants tabulated, 51 percent were minority group members, 55 percent were female, 18 percent were under 22 years old, and 14 percent were over 45 years old. The three largest occupational categories were service workers, 29 percent of the applicants; clerical and sales workers, 25 percent; and structural workers, 16 percent.

1/ Due to a different source of information being used, Characteristic tabulations may vary from previous months.

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SMSA .....Of the 5,200 active applicants, 55 percent were minority group members, 56 percent were female, 17 percent were under 22 years old, and 13 percent were over 45 years old. The three largest occupational groups were service workers, 29 percent of the applicants; clerical and sales workers, 25 percent; and structural workers, 16 percent.

THE AUTO INDUSTRY

Because of current production schedules, some 500 salaried workers at General Motors Corporation's Newark plant may escape the company's plan to layoff salaried workers to match production cutbacks..... Automobile production by the five major U. S. manufacturers dropped 25.6 percent in November from the same period a year ago. The November level is the lowest since 1970..... Chrysler Corporation stopped production at its Newark auto plant December 14, for five weeks. Plant spokesman, Donald B. Coefield, blamed the shutdown on the "sales slump in the auto industry in general"..... General Motors Corporation shut down production at its Boxwood plant for the first two weeks in January beginning January 4. Plant spokesman, Sam Angelo, blamed the shutdown on "market conditions".

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The November Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers declined by 0.2, the first monthly drop in almost four years. While transportation and medical prices rose, the overall decline was led by lower apparel costs with housing, food and entertainment charges also contributing to the decrease.

Food and beverage charges dropped by 0.1 in November, marking the second consecutive monthly decline. Over the past twelve months, food and beverage prices have moderated, rising 5.1 percent. Also declining for the second month in a row was the housing component, which had a November decline of 0.3 percent. Despite recent declines, the area housing component has increased 13.0 percent since last year. The largest monthly decline of any major component was registered by apparel with a 2.2 percent price drop. Since November 1980, apparel prices have risen only 3.1 percent. November entertainment prices decreased by 0.2 percent but over the year have increased by 10.7 percent. Transportation prices rose 0.7 and 11.1 percent over the month and year, respectively. After dropping in October, medical care costs rose 0.2 percent in November as prices rose 10.7 percent, annually. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics announced the national CPI for All Urban Consumers was 280.7 in November, representing a rise of 0.3, the second smallest monthly gain in 1981. Over the past twelve months, the national index has increased by 9.6 percent.

2/ Data was estimated.

NOTICE

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) SEMINAR

The Delaware Department of Labor, in conjunction with the State Chamber of Commerce and the Employer's Advisory Committee, is holding an all day seminar on UI for employers in the State. This seminar will be used to present a new employer's handbook on UI, and to provide informative workshops on related topics. The four workshops will cover: UI tax, Job Service for employers, Legislative issues, and UI and labor statistics survey forms.

The seminar will be held at Clayton Hall on the north campus of the University of Delaware from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, February 25, 1982. A check for the admission fee of $25.00, which includes lunch, made payable to the State of Delaware, should be received as soon as possible.

Only the first 150 registrants can be accommodated.

If you wish to participate, please use the coupon below.

Please limit attendance to two (2) participants per firm.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Employed - Includes persons who during a survey week did any work as civilians; worked in their own business or professions or on their own farm; worked 15 hours or more in an enterprise operated by a member of their family, whether they were paid or not; or were on unpaid leave because of illness, bad weather, disputes between labor and management, or personal reasons.

2. Unemployed - To be classified as unemployed, an individual must: a.) have been without a job during a survey week; b.) have made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the prior 4 weeks; c.) be presently available for work. In addition, persons on layoff and those waiting to begin a new job (within 30 days), neither of whom must meet the jobseeking requirements, are also classified as unemployed. The unemployed total includes all persons who satisfactorily meet the above criteria, regardless of their eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits or any kind of public assistance.

3. Seasonality - Nearly all economic phenomena are affected to some degree by seasonal variations. These are recurring, predictable events which are repeated more or less regularly each year - changes in weather, opening and closing of schools, major holidays, industry production schedules, etc... The cumulative effects of these events are often large. Since seasonal variations tend to be large relative to the underlying cyclical trends, it is necessary to use seasonally adjusted data to interpret short-term economic developments. At the beginning of each year, seasonal adjustment factors for unemployment and employment series are calculated for use during the entire year, taking into account the prior year's experience.

4. Nonagricultural Payroll Employment, Hours and Earnings Data - Collected by the Delaware Department of Labor in co-operation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, from payroll records of a sample of approximately 1,300 establishments. Self-employed persons, domestic workers and others not on a regular civilian payroll are outside the scope of the survey because they are excluded from establishment records.

5. Average Hourly Earnings - Estimated on a gross basis and are affected by such factors as premium pay for overtime work and shift differential as well as basic hourly and incentive rates of pay. Average weekly earnings are the product of average weekly hours and average hourly earnings.

6. Labor Turnover - Month-to-month changes in total employment as indicated by labor turnover rates are not precisely comparable with those shown by OPRE employment, and payroll reports, as the former are based on data for the entire month, while the latter refer to a 1-week period which includes the 12th of the month. Employees on strike are not counted as turnover actions.

7. Wilmington Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) - Includes: New Castle County, Delaware; Salem County, New Jersey; and Cecil County, Maryland.

8. Continued Claimants - Persons filing for a compensated or non-compensated week of unemployment.

9. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) - A measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The index measures price changes from a designated reference date - 1967 - which equals 100.0

10. Characteristics of Job Seekers - A count of active Employment Service (ES) applicants generated from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS).

11. Unfilled Job Openings - A monthly count of job openings, generated from the Employment Service ESARS and Job Bank systems, which have not been cancelled and for which no placement has been made as of the last day of a report period.

NOTE: Explanatory notes outlining the concepts, methodology, and sources used in preparing the various data incorporated in this release are available upon request.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

*Delaware's seasonally adjusted rate drops sharply to 7.9 percent. Nationally, the unemployment rate rose to 8.9 percent..... Continued claim counts continue their rise..... Regular UI average unemployment check averages $97 during December..... The State of Delaware will hire 84 women and 164 minority-group men..... Motor Wheel Corp. announces its permanent closing..... Diamond Shamrock cuts back 35 hourly jobs and reassigns 28 employees..... South Waterway Inc. announces plans for a $6 million, 10-story condominium building..... Equitable Bancorp of Baltimore has filed to establish a National Bank near Dover..... O. A. Newton & Sons Co. began building a farm machinery dealership in Bridgeville..... DuPont Co. begins laying off some 150 employees at its Chamber Works plant..... Chrysler Corp. lays off 200 indefinitely..... Prices in the Philadelphia Area, as well as nationally, rise 0.3 percent in December.*

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## CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

*UNEMPLOYMENT.....Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment*

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (000's)[1/]

| | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED | | | UNADJUSTED | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DELAWARE | DEC[2/] 1981 | NOV. 1981 | DEC. 1980 | DEC[2/] 1981 | NOV. 1981 | DEC. 1980 |
| Civilian Labor Force | 282.8 | 285.4 | 280.8 | 282.9 | 282.5 | 281.0 |
| Employment | 260.4 | 257.7 | 259.8 | 260.8 | 256.9 | 260.3 |
| Unemployment | 22.4 | 27.7 | 21.0 | 22.1 | 25.6 | 20.7 |
| DE Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.9 | 9.7 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 9.1 | 7.4 |
| U.S. Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.9 | 8.4 | 7.4 | 8.3 | 7.9 | 6.9 |
| WILMINGTON SMSA | | | | | | |
| Civilian Labor Force | 248.8 | 251.5 | 249.2 | 251.3 | 252.0 | 251.7 |
| Employment | 229.6 | 226.2 | 231.0 | 232.7 | 228.8 | 234.1 |
| Unemployment | 19.2 | 25.3 | 18.2 | 18.6 | 23.2 | 17.7 |
| SMSA Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.7 | 10.0 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 9.2 | 7.0 |

[1/] Place of residence basis. [2/] Preliminary.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT[1] BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

| | DELAWARE | | | | | WILMINGTON SMSA | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Dec 2/ 1981 | Nov. 1981 | Dec. 1980 | Net Change From Nov '81 | Net Change From Dec '80 | Dec 2/ 1981 | Nov. 1981 | Dec. 1980 | Net Change From Nov '81 | Net Change From Dec'80 |
| Total NonAg. Wage & Salary | 260.3 | 257.1 | 263.2 | +3.2 | -2.9 | 231.4 | 228.9 | 234.2 | +2.5 | -2.8 |
| Manufacturing | 70.9 | 67.7 | 74.1 | +3.2 | -3.2 | 64.6 | 61.7 | 67.5 | +2.9 | -2.9 |
| Durable Goods | 20.2 | 16.9 | 22.9 | +3.3 | -2.7 | 20.8 | 17.8 | 23.4 | +3.0 | -2.6 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.2 | +0.1 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.6 | +0.1 | -0.1 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 1.8 | 1.7 | 2.1 | +0.1 | -0.3 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 0.0 | -0.3 |
| Machinery & Trans. Equip. | 11.1 | 7.9 | 13.5 | +3.2 | -2.4 | 12.3 | 9.2 | 14.0 | +3.1 | -1.7 |
| Other Durable Goods | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 0.0 | +0.1 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.9 | -0.3 | -0.5 |
| Nondurable Goods | 50.7 | 50.8 | 51.2 | -0.1 | -0.5 | 43.8 | 43.9 | 44.1 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 0.0 | +0.1 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | +0.1 | +0.1 |
| Textile Mill Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | +0.1 | +0.1 |
| Apparel | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Printing & Publishing | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 31.5 | 31.6 | 32.1 | -0.1 | -0.6 | 34.6 | 34.7 | 35.0 | -0.1 | -0.4 |
| Rubber & Plastic Products | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 0.0 | +0.1 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 0.0 | +0.1 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 189.4 | 189.4 | 189.2 | 0.0 | +0.2 | 166.8 | 167.2 | 166.7 | -0.4 | +0.1 |
| Contract Construction | 14.8 | 14.9 | 14.2 | -0.1 | +0.6 | 15.4 | 15.6 | 14.6 | -0.2 | +0.8 |
| Trans., Comm. & Public Util. | 12.1 | 12.1 | 12.4 | 0.0 | -0.3 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 11.9 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 56.6 | 56.2 | 57.5 | +0.4 | -0.9 | 48.5 | 48.0 | 49.4 | +0.5 | -0.9 |
| Finance, Ins. & Real Estate | 12.0 | 12.0 | 11.9 | 0.0 | +0.1 | 11.3 | 11.3 | 11.1 | 0.0 | +0.2 |
| Services & Mining | 48.4 | 48.2 | 48.0 | +0.2 | +0.4 | 43.3 | 43.5 | 42.7 | -0.2 | +0.6 |
| Government - Federal | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 | +0.1 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| - State & Local | 40.1 | 40.6 | 39.7 | -0.5 | +0.4 | 32.3 | 32.8 | 32.5 | -0.5 | -0.2 |
| PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

[1]/Total number of persons on establishment payrolls. [2]/Preliminary.

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*rate was 7.9 percent of the civilian labor force in December, much lower than the 9.7 percent of November and somewhat greater than the 7.5 percent registered a year ago. The current decrease is attributable to a reemployment of auto workers returning from a temporary layoff. Unadjusted, the number of jobless persons, estimated at 22,000, was 3,500 less than November and about 1,400 more than December 1980. Unadjusted unemployment rates were 7.8 percent in December, 9.1 percent for November and 7.4 percent a year ago. The SMSA's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped 2.3 percentage points to 7.7 percent of the labor force in December. Unadjusted, the rate dropped to 7.4 percent as auto workers returning to work helped bring total unemployment in the area down to 18,600, some 4,700 less than in November.*

*EMPLOYMENT AND THE LABOR FORCE.....Unadjusted, average monthly employment was estimated at 260,800 in December, up 3,900 over the month and about 500 higher than December of last year. In the Wilmington SMSA the employment level rose 3,900 to 232,700, although dropping 1,400 over the year. The State labor force showed a slight increase of 400 while the SMSA registered a decrease of 700.*

*OUTLOOK.....January unemployment rates are expected to exceed ten percent as the auto industry continues to experience inventory-related temporary layoffs.*

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE*

| | Weekly Earnings | | | Weekly Hours | | | Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Dec. 1/ 1981 | Nov. 1981 | Dec. 1980 | Dec. 1/ 1981 | Nov. 1981 | Dec. 1980 | Dec. 1/ 1981 | Nov. 1981 | Dec. 1980 |
| MANUFACTURING | $332.02 | $324.18 | $332.42 | 39.2 | 39.2 | 41.5 | $ 8.47 | $ 8.27 | $ 8.01 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 374.53 | 372.67 | 369.56 | 39.3 | 39.9 | 41.2 | 9.53 | 9.34 | 8.97 |
| Primary Metals | 437.63 | 423.12 | 414.75 | 41.6 | 41.0 | 41.6 | 10.52 | 10.32 | 9.97 |
| Fabricated Metals | 274.17 | 263.84 | 289.35 | 39.0 | 37.8 | 39.8 | 7.03 | 6.98 | 7.27 |
| Machinery & Trans. Equip. | 408.72 | 431.03 | 408.04 | 39.3 | 39.8 | 41.3 | 10.40 | 10.83 | 9.88 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 301.06 | 296.04 | 300.12 | 39.2 | 38.3 | 41.8 | 7.69 | 7.69 | 7.18 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 229.71 | 213.89 | 250.53 | 40.3 | 39.1 | 43.8 | 5.70 | 5.47 | 5.47 |
| Textile Mill Products | 244.51 | 227.02 | 232.07 | 39.5 | 37.9 | 40.5 | 6.19 | 5.99 | 5.73 |
| Apparel | 156.98 | 172.30 | 163.96 | 34.5 | 35.6 | 35.8 | 4.55 | 4.84 | 4.58 |
| Printing & Publishing | 292.96 | 283.25 | 267.24 | 35.2 | 33.6 | 34.0 | 8.32 | 8.43 | 7.86 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 389.89 | 395.46 | 394.68 | 38.3 | 39.0 | 42.9 | 10.18 | 10.14 | 9.20 |
| Rubber & Plastic Products | 363.60 | 355.93 | 341.20 | 40.9 | 41.1 | 43.8 | 8.89 | 8.66 | 7.79 |
| WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)** | | | | | | | | | |
| MANUFACTURING | $370.56 | $372.01 | $379.66 | 38.4 | 39.2 | 41.0 | $ 9.65 | $ 9.49 | $ 9.26 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 384.33 | 387.29 | 392.09 | 38.9 | 39.6 | 41.1 | 9.88 | 9.78 | 9.54 |
| Primary Metals | 437.63 | 423.12 | 414.75 | 41.6 | 41.0 | 41.6 | 10.52 | 10.32 | 9.97 |
| Fabricated Metals | 279.49 | 270.51 | 287.89 | 39.7 | 38.7 | 39.6 | 7.04 | 6.99 | 7.27 |
| Machinery & Trans. Equip. | 398.90 | 415.67 | 412.34 | 39.3 | 40.2 | 41.4 | 10.15 | 10.34 | 9.96 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 351.36 | 355.80 | 361.15 | 37.7 | 38.8 | 40.9 | 9.32 | 9.17 | 8.83 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 183.69 | 214.30 | 183.20 | 31.4 | 36.2 | 33.8 | 5.85 | 5.92 | 5.42 |
| Textile Mill Products | 248.35 | 230.44 | 238.57 | 39.8 | 38.6 | 41.0 | 6.24 | 5.97 | 5.77 |
| Apparel | 141.69 | 169.81 | 162.19 | 27.3 | 32.1 | 32.7 | 5.19 | 5.29 | 4.96 |
| Printing & Publishing | 341.11 | 328.94 | 332.57 | 36.6 | 35.6 | 37.2 | 9.32 | 9.24 | 8.94 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 401.19 | 411.34 | 420.04 | 38.1 | 39.4 | 41.8 | 10.53 | 10.44 | 10.05 |
| Rubber & Plastic Products | 324.41 | 317.29 | 313.20 | 40.5 | 41.1 | 43.2 | 8.01 | 7.72 | 7.25 |

Covers and estimated*35,900 and **27,700 production workers. 1/ Preliminary.

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*NATIONALLY AND SURROUNDING AREAS.....As reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, the National unemployment rate rose 0.5 percentage points in December to 8.9 percent; since July the rate has increased by nearly 2 full percentage points. Unemployment levels rose in the surrounding areas as Pennsylvania recorded a 9.8 percent unemployment rate; New Jersey, 7.8 percent and New York, 8.2 percent.*

## *NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT*

*STATEWIDE..... Wage and salary employment, at 260,300, rose 3,200 over the month to a level 2,900 below the year-ago figure. Manufacturing employment, at 70,900, gained 3,200 monthly while registering a 3,200 yearly loss. Machinery and transportation equipment was primarily responsible for the gain with a 3,200 monthly increase resulting from the recall of workers after a temporary inventory-related layoff in the auto industry. General business declines resulted in yearly losses of 2,400 and 600, respectively, in machinery and transportation equipment and chemicals and allied products with the former concentrated in the auto industry. Nonmanufacturing, unchanged over the month at 189,400, registered a 200 yearly gain. Monthly, seasonal changes were noted in wholesale and retail trade (+400), services and mining (+200) and state and local government (-500). Additional hiring for the holiday season was responsible for the*

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS
(PER 100 EMPLOYEES)

DELAWARE

| INDUSTRY | ACCESSION RATE | | | | | | | | | SEPARATION RATE | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | | | New Hires | | | Recalls | | | Total | | | Quits | | | Layoffs | | |
| | Dec 81 | Nov 81 | Dec 80 | Dec 81 | Nov 81 | Dec 80 | Dec 81 | Nov81 | Dec 80 | Dec 81 | Nov81 | Dec80 | Dec 81 | Nov 81 | Dec80 | Dec 81 | Nov81 | Dec 80 |
| All Manufacturing | 1.1 | 6.5 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 5.2 | 0.4 | 7.5 | 7.1 | 8.6 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 7.4 |
| Durable Goods | 1.5 | 21.7 | 2.6 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 19.5 | 0.5 | 22.5 | 23.3 | 23.6 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 21.4 | 21.5 | 22.3 |
| Nondurable Goods | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| SELECTED INDUSTRIES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prim. & Fabri. Metals | 1.6 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 0.7 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 10.8 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 9.6 | 2.5 | 1.1 |
| Mach. & Trans. Equip. | 1.8 | 44.0 | 2.7 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 41.4 | 0.5 | 36.3 | 47.0 | 38.2 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 35.0 | 44.3 | 37.2 |
| Other Durables | 0.9 | 1.4 | 2.7 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 2.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Chemicals | 0.3 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | * | * | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | * | * |
| Other Nondurables | 2.1 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Manufacturing | 0.8 | 6.4 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 5.4 | 0.3 | 7.9 | 7.1 | 8.6 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 7.0 | 6.2 | 7.8 |
| Durable Goods | 1.4 | 20.4 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 18.6 | 0.5 | 22.0 | 22.7 | 22.7 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 20.9 | 20.8 | 21.7 |
| Nondurable Goods | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| SELECTED INDUSTRIES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prim. & Fabri. Metals | 1.6 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 0.7 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 11.3 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 10.2 | 2.7 | 1.1 |
| Mach. & Trans. Equip. | 1.6 | 38.1 | 2.6 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 35.7 | 0.5 | 32.8 | 41.2 | 36.6 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 31.5 | 38.3 | 35.7 |
| Other Durables | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 0.3 |
| Chemicals | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | * | * | * | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | * | * |
| Other Nondurables | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 2.1 |

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*rise in trade while the opening of a Dover Area racetrack accounted for the gain in services. Over the year, sizable changes were noted in contract construction (+600) and wholesale and retail trade (-900). The gain in contract construction was concentrated in the heavy construction field while the loss in trade was in the retail sector.*

*SMSA..... Wage and salary employment, at 231,400, gained 2,500 monthly while declining 2,800 over the year. Manufacturing employment, at 64,600, registered a monthly gain and a yearly loss of 2,900. Machinery and transportation equipment increased 3,100 over the month due to the recall of workers after a temporary inventory-related layoff in the auto industry while other durable goods declined 300. These two industries also registered significant yearly losses of 1,700 and 500 respectively resulting from general business declines. Nonmanufacturing, at 166,800, fell 400 monthly to a level 100 above the previous year. Seasonal monthly changes were noted in contract construction (-200), wholesale and retail trade (+500), services and mining (-200) and state and local government (-500). Unfavorable weather conditions accounted for the loss in construction while additional hiring for the holiday season was responsible for the gain in wholesale and retail trade. Over the year, significant changes were registered in contract construction (+800), wholesale and retail trade (-900) and services and mining (+600). The former was concentrated in the heavy construction field while the latter two were, respectively, in the areas of retail establishments and health education and social services.*

*OUTLOOK..... A substantial drop in machinery and transportation equipment is anticipated in both the State and SMSA resulting from temporary inventory-related layoffs in the auto industry. The end of the holiday shopping season is expected to result in significant losses in wholesale and retail trade while lower employment in state colleges and universities due to the semester break should produce a decline in state and local government. Seasonal declines in both areas are also anticipated in contract construction, transportation, communication and public utilities and services and mining and Statewide in food and kindred products.*

*HOURS AND EARNINGS*

*STATEWIDE..... In December, manufacturing production workers earned an average of $332.02 per week, up $7.84 over the month but $.40 lower over the year. Durable goods weekly earnings, at $374.53, registered monthly and yearly gains of $1.86 and $4.97, respectively. Overtime worked at premium pay in primary metals accounted for the monthly rise and, with a significant increase in average hourly earnings, was also responsible for the yearly gain. Nondurable goods weekly earnings rose $5.02 monthly and $.94 yearly to $301.06. Overtime worked at premium pay in food and kindred products and a wage rate increase in textile mill products accounted for the monthly gain. The small yearly increase was due to generally higher average hourly earnings being partially offset by lower average weekly hours in food and kindred products, apparel, and chemicals and allied products.*

*SMSA.....Manufacturing production workers in December earned an average of $370.56 per week, down $1.45 over the month and $9.10 over the year. Durable goods weekly earnings declined $2.96 monthly and $7.76 yearly to $384.33. Machinery and transportation equipment was primarily responsible for these changes with a monthly drop of $.19 in hourly earnings due to lower paid workers and a yearly loss of 2.1 hours in average weekly hours resulting from less overtime worked. Nondurable goods weekly earnings declined $4.44 over the month and $9.79 over the year. Less overtime worked at premium pay in food and kindred products and apparel was primarily responsible for the monthly loss while lower average weekly hours throughout the sector accounted for the yearly decline.*

*LABOR TURNOVER IN MANUFACTURING*

*Preliminary Delaware estimates for December indicates that while layoffs rose, quits, new hires and recalls declined.*

*The total accession rate dropped to 1.1 in December from 6.5 in November. The much higher November rate was attributed to a recall of auto workers (machinery and transportation equipment) from a temporary layoff. A decrease in new hires for primary and fabricated metals and for chemicals also contributed to the lower December accession rate. In addition, there were fewer*

accessions this month for food, printing and publishing and rubber and plastics.

The separation rate rose to 7.5 in December from 7.1 in November. The high rate again reflected a temporary layoff of auto workers in the latter part of December. Layoffs rose for primary and fabricated metals and quits were slightly higher in the chemical industry. For the Wilmington SMSA the accession rate dropped to 0.8 in December from 6.4 in November and the separation rate rose to 7.9 from 7.1.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITY - A KEY ECONOMIC INDICATOR

Statewide continued claim counts rose 8,700 over the month, registering 46,200 in December. During the same period a year ago the count was 44,900. The monthly rise was primarily caused by a 8,900 increase in industry sectors not directly encompassing the auto industry. For the week that includes the 12th of the month the count dropped from 11,400 to a non-auto related 7,900. Areawise, the continued claim monthly levels rose 23 percent in New Castle County; 36 percent in Kent; and 20 percent in Sussex.

Initial claims increased 3,800 in December to 13,100, primarily as a result of a 2,100 jump in the Kent County area count. New Castle County's level rose 1,100, while Sussex County recorded 600 more claims than in November, representing a 30 percent hike. Nonresident counts rose 11 percent, signifying a moderate increase of 200.

Weeks of regular UI benefits compensated totaled 46,082 in December, with a benefit amount of $4,274,488 paid out. The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment, at $97, dropped $7 in December.

DEVELOPMENTS STATEWIDE AND BY COUNTY - Presented below are summaries of major industrial, commercial and economic activities which impact the State's economy and have appeared in public media.

STATEWIDE - Delaware will hire 84 women and 164 minority-group men to state jobs despite a job freeze imposed during December. Citing the States' overall record in affirmative action as good, Governor Pierre S. duPont said the action would not violate the freeze.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY - Motor Wheel Corp. announced it will close its Newark plant for good. It has been maintained by a skeleton crew since being mothballed in November 1980..... Diamond Shamrock Corp. has cut back 35 hourly jobs and reassigned 28 employees at its troubled plastics plant at Delaware City. The company "will make every reasonable attempt to find employment" for those laid off, and added that workers will "all be offered opportunities to relocate at company expense at other Diamond Shamrock facilities"..... South Waterway Inc. has announced

plans to build a $6 million, 10-story office condominium building at the site of the Liebman Furniture Co. warehouse, south of the Christiana River and west of the Market Street Bridge. This will not be a speculative project. Construction will not begin until mid-year, and then only if pre-construction sales and leasing are successful.

KENT COUNTY - Equitable Bancorp of Baltimore has filed to establish a national bank in Rodney Village Shopping Center south of Dover. The new bank will employ 50 at the start and 100 by the end of the first year of operations.

SUSSEX COUNTY - O. A. Newton & Son Co. began building a farm machinery dealership in Bridgeville that is expected to create 35 jobs. The facility should be finished in June.

SURROUNDING AREAS - The DuPont Co., citing the length and depth of the current recession, began to layoff some 150 of its 4,650 workers at its Chamber Works in Deepwater, N. J. beginning February 5. The layoffs will bring the total idled since 1979 at the plant to about 1,000.

THE AUTO INDUSTRY

Final 1981 car sales statistics show Chrysler Corp. to be the only domestic manufacturer to have increased both in sales volume and market share for the year, according to a Chrysler release..... Chrysler Corp. confirmed that 200 workers were laid off indefinitely beginning January 18..... Chrysler Corp.'s special unemployment fund has been depleted so much by payments to laid-off workers that those with less than 10 years seniority were cut indefinitely from the plan until the situation improves. In addition, SUB checks for Chrysler workers with between 10 and 20 years of seniority have been reduced by 20 percent.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index rose 0.3 percent in December, after a 0.2 percent drop in November. During 1981, local prices rose 9.7 percent as compared to much higher increases of 12.0 percent in 1980 and 11.2 percent in 1979. The over-the-month change reflected price rises for food, entertainment, medical care, transportation and energy, while housing and apparel prices were lower.

Food and beverage prices rose 0.7 in December after declining for two months. Despite this monthly rise, the 5.5 percent increase in food prices was the smallest annual rise for this component since 1976. Housing prices for the third consecutive month fell, declining 0.6 percent in December. In 1981, however, area housing prices rose 11.2 percent. Transportation prices advanced 0.7 percent in December and also have risen 11.2 percent over the year. Entertainment costs rose 1.7 percent in December for the largest monthly advance since June. The 1981 rise of 12.5 percent for entertainment was the largest price increase for any major group. For the second

straight month apparel prices dropped, decreasing by 0.2 percent in December. Apparel charges during the year rose by 5.3 percent, less than any major component. Medical care costs in December rose 0.8 percent to reach a level 11.4 percent above a year ago. The national CPI for All Urban Consumers was 281.5 in December representing a monthly rise of 0.3 percent and a yearly gain of 8.9 percent.

## EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY

Unfilled Job Openings in demand, registered with the Employment Service during December were as follows:

STATEWIDE.....Sales clerk, 48 openings; industrial cleaner, 8; secretary, 7; telephone solicitor, 6; clerk-typist, 5; automobile mechanic, 5; shipfitter, 5; electrician, 5; cashier checker, 4; waiter/waitress informal, 4; bus driver, 4; and stenographer, 3 openings.

WILMINGTON SMSA.....Porters and cleaners, 12 openings; secretaries, 5; asbestos and insulation workers, 3; typists and typewriting machine operator, 3; kitchen worker, 3; chefs and cooks, 2; machinists and related occupation, 2; electrical and electrical products, fabricators, installers, and repairers not elsewhere classified, 2; accounting and statistical clerks, 2; shipping and receiving clerks, 2; miscellaneous commodities, sales people, 2; and building and related services, 2 openings.

Characteristics of the Job Seeker at the end of December had the following proportions:

STATEWIDE.....Of approximately 7,700 active applicants, 52 percent were minority group members, 54 percent were female, 18 percent were under 22 years old, and 13 percent were over 45 years old. The three largest occupational categories were service workers, 31 percent; clerical and sales workers, 24 percent; and structural trades workers, 17 percent.

SMSA.....Of approximately 4,750 active applicants, 55 percent were minority group members, 56 percent were females, 17 percent were under 22 years old, and 13 percent were over 45 years old. The three largest occupational categories were service workers, 29 percent; clerical and sales workers, 25 percent; and structural workers, 16 percent.

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# DELAWARE and Wilmington (New Castle, De., Salem, N.J. and Cecil, Md. Counties) SMSA LABOR MARKET TRENDS

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## -HIGHLIGHTS-

1. Delaware's seasonally adjusted March unemployment rate dropped slightly to 7.9% from 8.0% in February, and was significantly below January's auto-affected level of 10.3%..... Nationally, the rate rose steadily from 8.5% in January to 9.0% in March.

2. Not seasonally adjusted unemployment levels of January and February are the highest recorded in four years.

3. Manufacturing production workers in Delaware earn an average of $344.05 per week.

4. Regular UI compensated payments total nearly $16.5 million for the first quarter of 1982.

5. U.I. Extended Benefits triggered "ON" in April.

6. Japan extends its present auto shipment restrictions.

7. DuPont Co. will reduce its Chamber Works Plant workforce by about 325 people in May.

8. Chase Manhattan and First Omni Banks have begun operations in Wilmington and Millsboro, respectively.

9. Delaware Park lengthens its 1982 race meeting as surrounding area race track competition stiffens.

10. Area prices experience successive monthly declines for the first time since mid 1971..... Nationally, prices dropped for the first time since 1965.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

TABLE-1 (IN THOUSANDS)

| AREA | YEAR | CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | | | EMPLOYMENT | | | UNEMPLOYMENT | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | JAN. | FEB. | MAR[1/] | JAN. | FEB. | MAR[1/] | JAN. | FEB. | MAR[1/] | JAN. | FEB. | MAR[1/] |
| DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ. | 1982 | 291.2 | 293.7 | 299.9 | 261.3 | 270.1 | 276.1 | 29.9 | 23.6 | 23.8 | 10.3 | 8.0 | 7.9 |
| | 1981 | 285.3 | 284.3 | 285.7 | 263.1 | 261.6 | 263.6 | 22.2 | 23.0 | 22.1 | 7.8 | 8.1 | 7.7 |
| DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED | 1982 | 284.6 | 288.9 | 295.1 | 251.9 | 259.6 | 270.8 | 32.7 | 29.2 | 24.3 | 11.5 | 10.1 | 8.2 |
| | 1981 | 277.9 | 279.9 | 281.2 | 253.7 | 251.4 | 258.6 | 24.3 | 28.5 | 22.6 | 8.7 | 10.2 | 8.0 |
| WILMINGTON SMSA, SEASONALLY ADJ. | 1982 | 256.5 | 257.4 | 262.4 | 226.5 | 234.5 | 241.0 | 30.1 | 22.9 | 21.4 | 11.7 | 8.9 | 8.2 |
| | 1981 | 251.9 | 252.0 | 253.3 | 233.0 | 230.6 | 233.9 | 19.0 | 21.4 | 19.4 | 7.5 | 8.5 | 7.7 |
| WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED | 1982 | 253.9 | 256.3 | 261.0 | 222.5 | 229.3 | 239.4 | 31.3 | 27.0 | 21.6 | 12.3 | 10.5 | 8.3 |
| | 1981 | 248.7 | 250.7 | 252.0 | 228.9 | 225.5 | 232.4 | 19.8 | 25.2 | 19.6 | 8.0 | 10.0 | 7.8 |
| UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/] | 1982 | 108,879.0 | 109,165.0 | 109,346.0 | 99,581.0 | 99,590.0 | 99,492.0 | 9,298.0 | 9,575.0 | 9,854.0 | 8.5 | 8.8 | 9.0 |
| | 1981 | 107,923.0 | 108.034.0 | 108,364.0 | 99,901.0 | 100,069.0 | 100,406.0 | 8,022.0 | 7,965.0 | 7,958.0 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 7.3 |
| SURROUNDING AREAS: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/] | 1982 | 3,579.0 | 3,542.0 | 3,624.0 | 3,244.0 | 3,226.0 | 3,305.0 | 335.0 | 316.0 | 319.0 | 9.4 | 8.9 | 8.8 |
| | 1981 | 3,598.0 | 3,572.0 | 3,634.0 | 3,326.0 | 3,312.0 | 3,334.0 | 272.0 | 260.0 | 300.0 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 8.3 |
| NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/] | 1982 | 7,976.0 | 8,043.0 | 8,071.0 | 7,345.0 | 7,364.0 | 7,412.0 | 624.0 | 679.0 | 659.0 | 7.8 | 8.4 | 8.2 |
| | 1981 | 7,999.0 | 8,089.0 | 8,044.0 | 7,386.0 | 7,464.0 | 7,395.0 | 613.0 | 625.0 | 649.0 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 8.1 |
| PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ.[2/] | 1982 | 5,469.0 | 5,511.0 | 5,415.0 | 4,859.0 | 4,945.0 | 4,866.0 | 610.0 | 566.0 | 549.0 | 11.2 | 10.3 | 10.1 |
| | 1981 | 5,469.0 | 5,443.0 | 5,488.0 | 5,003.0 | 5,012.0 | 5,082.0 | 466.0 | 431.0 | 406.0 | 8.5 | 7.9 | 7.4 |
| MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED | 1982 | 2,148.9 | 2,152.2 | 2,174.8 | 1,938.8 | 1,943.6 | 1,968.7 | 210.1 | 208.6 | 206.1 | 9.8 | 9.7 | 9.5 |
| | 1981 | 2,141.1 | 2,146.7 | 2,153.1 | 1,974.9 | 1,980.0 | 1,999.1 | 166.2 | 166.6 | 154.1 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 7.2 |

[1/] PRELIMINARY [2/] SOURCE: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

# LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

*LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE-1)*

*Not seasonally adjusted unemployment in Delaware dropped to 8.2 percent in March following auto-related levels of 11.5 and 10.0 percent in January and February, respectively. Seasonally adjusted, Delaware's March rate, at 7.9 percent, dropped slightly, as did New Jersey's, New York's and Pennsylvania's. Inversely, the nationally adjusted rate moved up 0.2 percentage points.*

*Not seasonally adjusted, the volume of unemployed, whole dropping in March, registered 32,700 in January and 29,200 in February, the highest levels recorded since February, 1977 when 35,600 State residents were without work.*

*NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE-2)*

*Affected by automobile layoffs and recalls, statewide nonagricultural wage and salary employment experienced a much larger monthly drop than usual in January, increased during February,and then recorded its typical March increase. The March estimate of 253,600 represents a decrease of 1,200 over the year, combining a yearly loss in manufacturing with a moderate gain in non-manufacturing. Significant yearly drops in the government sector of over 1,400 were noted for each month of the first quarter. In the Wilmington SMSA, total employment for March was estimated at 224,300, some 2,700 less than a year ago.*

*HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE-3)*

*In March, Delaware weekly earnings of production workers in manufacturing industries averaged $344.05. Those working in machinery and transportation equipment earned a high of $453.11 while a low of $160.89 was recorded in the apparel sector. Last year, these same workers were earning an overall average of $326.40 per week. In the SMSA, production workers' average weekly earnings were $326.40.*

*MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry, which have some significance to the state economy and have appeared in public media.*

*STATEWIDE - The value of contracts for future construction in Delaware was $48.02 million in February compared with just $10.66 million for the same month in 1981, the F. W. Dodge Division of McGraw Hill Inc. reported. The high gain was the result of large increases in non-residential and non-building construction. At the same time, residential construction fell 28 percent.*

*NEW CASTLE COUNTY - Delaware Park has lengthened its 1982 race*

meeting and increased its purse structure as its first step to combat new competition from Keystone Race Track. A 73-day meeting will be held from Saturday, May 29 through Labor Day, September 6th..... Chase Manhatten Bank opened a branch at 600 Market Street in February with 94 employees..... America Minerals' Inc., which was unable to renew its lease on a mineral-processing plant in Philadelphia moved those operations to a 19.3-acre plant at the Port of Wilmington, bringing approximately 25 new jobs..... Citibank (Delaware), a division of the world's largest bank, plans to open a computerized financial center at the Greater Wilmington Airport in June..... The A & P supermarket in the Cross Roads Shopping Center on New Castle Avenue, countered recent A & P trends and reopened..... Emory-Hill and Co. Inc., a Newark development firm, announced plans for a 44-acre office and industrial corporate center on Delaware 273 near Motor Wheel in Newark. Construction of the first office building began in April. It is a major speculative project..... A Marshalls Department Store will open May 10th in the Midway Shopping Center, replacing the old Pantry Pride. Plans call for the hiring of approximately 60 workers..... Mart Associates are spending $1.3 million in improvements to the Merchandise Mart, renamed Merchant's Square. The new owners are trying to induce discount merchandisers to rent in the mall..... New Castle County Executive, Richard Collins, proposed a new budget that would eliminate 125 county jobs by July 1..... Forty-one workers lost their jobs in a reorganization at the Alfred I. duPont Institute.....

KENT COUNTY - About a third of the 300 workers laid off last fall by General Foods Corporation have returned to their jobs..... A $2 million expansion into the frozen seafoods business is under way at Jenkin Food Corp. in Milford. Approximately 35 persons will begin working July 1, with an additional 100 hired within six months..... Maryland's Suburban Bank Corp. plans to start a bank in Dover by summer. Fifty-five persons will be employed initially and 125 at the end of the first year..... A new nursing home in Dover and an expansion to Kent Convalescent Center near Smyrna are under construction and will be completed by the fall of 1983. An estimated 92 jobs will be created..... Boscov Department Store of Reading, PA. will open this summer at the Dover Mall, bringing in 400 jobs..... About 800 new civilian jobs and 2,700 new military positions could come to Dover if a move by Senator William V. Roth to get a portion of the proposed new C-5 airplanes stationed at the Dover Air Force Base is successful.

SUSSEX COUNTY - The Adams-Rapa Scrapple plant in Bridgeville plans to expand by the fall, creating 25 new production-line jobs. It will generate 40 construction jobs during expansion.. ... The Rusty Rudder Restaurant in Dewey Beach began construction of a 67-foot replica of the legendary Cape Henlopen Lighthouse landmark, along with a new mall, which will house 12 shops, a raw bar and crab shack..... First Omni Corp., the new Delaware branch of the First Maryland National Bank, has started partial operations in Millsboro. About 90 employees are on board with expectations of 300 by early summer.

*SURROUNDING AREAS* - *The DuPont Co.'s workforce in the Chambers Works plant in New Jersey will be chopped by about 325 people in May, as the effects of the current economic slump are felt.*

*AUTO INDUSTRY* - *Major U. S. carmakers' production dropped an estimated 30.9 percent from a year ago, as an estimated 1.07 million autos were built in the first quarter of 1982 as compared to the 1.55 million assembled in the same period last year, Ward Automotive Reports stated..... The Japanese government, citing the continued slump in the U. S. automobile market, announced that Japan will extend present restrictions on auto shipments to the United States for the second straight year..... The tide of red ink engulfing the nation's auto industry ebbed dramatically in the first quarter of 1982 as U. S. carmakers lost only $128.2 million, as compared to $600 million in the first three months of 1981.*

## *UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)*

*Weeks of regular UI benefits compensated totaled 47,678 in March, with a benefit amount of $4,279,633 paid out. The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment during that same period was $92, some $17 and $13 less than in January and February respectively, both of which were affected substantially by auto industry claimants who normally receive the maximum weekly benefit amount of $150.*

*Extended Benefits* - *Unemployed Delaware workers who exhausted their regular jobless pay were able to begin collecting extended benefits beginning April 18th. Nearly 2,800 state residents at that time were potentially eligible to receive benefits beyond their regular unemployment checks, which usually last 26 weeks. Although the state's unemployment rate has dropped below the trigger level, extended benefits will be continued for 13 weeks as required by law.*

*Continued claim counts in Delaware numbered a non-auto related 9,500 for the week including the 12th of March, comparing favorably to January and February levels, which were inflated by the auto industry, but higher by 500 than the same period a year ago. The total count, less the auto industry, for the month of March was 45,400, some 4,500 above March's 1982 level.*

## *EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY*

*Unfilled Job Openings in demand at the end of March were as follows:*

*STATEWIDE* - *Waitress or food counter worker, 15 openings; nurse's aide, 14; material handler, 9; clerk-typist, 8; survey worker, 5; and millright, 4 openings.*

*WILMINGTON SMSA* - *Nurse's aide, 13 openings; clerk-typist, 8; material handler, 7; and survey worker, 5 openings.*

*Characteristics of Job Seekers in March were as follows:*

*STATEWIDE - Of approximately 13,100 applicants, 51 percent were male, 48 percent were white, 43 percent were black, 16 percent were under 22, 61 percent were 22 to 39, and 22 percent were 40 and over. By educational level, 41 percent had not finished high school, 46 percent had graduated from high school, and 13 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 36 percent of the applicants were considered economically disadvantaged and 26 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.*

*WILMINGTON SMSA - Of about 7,300 applicants, 43 percent were male, 33 percent were white, 56 percent were black, 15 percent were under 22, 65 percent were 22 to 39, and 21 percent were 40 and over. By educational level, 48 percent had not finished high school, 43 percent graduated from high school, and 9 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 60 percent of the applicants were considered economically disadvantaged and 17 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.*

*CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE-6)*

*The Consumer Price Index for all items in the Philadelphia Area dropped 0.1 percent during the first quarter of 1982. Successive monthly declines were noted, marking the first drop since mid 1971, and leading to a March index of 274.7. Nationally the index stood at 283.1 in March as prices dropped over the month for the first time since August 1965.*

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(In Thousands)

TABLE-2

| INDUSTRY GROUP | DELAWARE | | | | | | WILMINGTON SMSA | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1982 | | | 1981 | | | 1982 | | | 1981 | | |
| | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. 1/ | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. 1/ | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. |
| Total NonAg. Wage & Salary | 244.5 | 248.0 | 253.6 | 251.8 | 248.8 | 254.8 | 216.2 | 219.4 | 224.3 | 223.8 | 221.2 | 227.0 |
| Manufacturing | 62.9 | 66.4 | 69.6 | 71.1 | 67.7 | 71.1 | 56.9 | 60.4 | 63.5 | 65.6 | 61.9 | 65.4 |
| Durable Goods | 12.5 | 15.8 | 19.4 | 20.9 | 17.4 | 20.9 | 13.7 | 17.2 | 20.5 | 21.8 | 18.4 | 21.9 |
| Primary Metals | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| Fabricated Metals | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| Mach. & Trans. Equipment | 4.1 | 7.4 | 11.2 | 12.3 | 8.8 | 12.2 | 5.5 | 8.8 | 12.4 | 12.8 | 9.4 | 13.0 |
| Other Durable Goods | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.6 |
| Nondurable Goods | 50.4 | 50.6 | 50.2 | 50.2 | 50.3 | 50.2 | 43.1 | 43.3 | 43.0 | 43.7 | 43.5 | 43.5 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 8.1 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Textile Mill Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Apparel | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Printing & Publishing | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Chemicals & Allied Prod. | 31.1 | 31.2 | 31.1 | 31.9 | 31.7 | 31.6 | 33.9 | 34.1 | 34.0 | 34.7 | 34.5 | 34.4 |
| Rubber & Plastics | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 181.6 | 181.6 | 184.0 | 180.7 | 181.1 | 183.7 | 159.3 | 159.0 | 160.8 | 158.3 | 159.2 | 161.6 |
| Construction | 12.1 | 12.2 | 12.9 | 11.6 | 11.4 | 12.0 | 12.2 | 12.0 | 12.9 | 12.0 | 12.1 | 12.5 |
| Trans. & Public Utilities | 11.7 | 11.7 | 11.8 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 12.1 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 11.6 | 11.6 | 11.6 | 11.7 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 54.6 | 53.8 | 54.0 | 53.7 | 53.3 | 53.9 | 46.7 | 46.2 | 45.9 | 46.2 | 46.1 | 46.5 |
| Wholesale Trade | 11.7 | 11.7 | 11.6 | 10.9 | 11.0 | 11.2 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.8 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.5 |
| Retail Trade | 43.0 | 42.1 | 42.4 | 42.8 | 42.3 | 42.7 | 36.8 | 36.3 | 36.0 | 36.9 | 36.6 | 37.0 |
| Finance, Ins. & Real Estate | 12.8 | 12.8 | 12.8 | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.4 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 12.0 | 11.5 | 11.6 | 11.6 |
| Services & Mining | 47.5 | 47.8 | 48.3 | 46.8 | 47.0 | 47.4 | 42.8 | 42.8 | 43.2 | 41.9 | 42.1 | 42.4 |
| Government | 42.8 | 43.2 | 44.1 | 44.2 | 44.9 | 45.8 | 34.1 | 34.5 | 35.3 | 35.0 | 35.8 | 36.8 |
| Federal Government | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| State & Local Government | 37.5 | 37.9 | 38.8 | 38.8 | 39.5 | 40.4 | 29.8 | 30.1 | 30.9 | 30.6 | 31.4 | 32.4 |
| State | 20.2 | 20.7 | 21.6 | 20.8 | 21.5 | 22.4 | 12.5 | 12.9 | 13.8 | 13.2 | 13.8 | 14.8 |
| Local | 17.3 | 17.2 | 17.2 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.1 | 17.3 | 17.2 | 17.2 | 17.5 | 17.5 | 17.6 |
| Persons Involved in Work Stoppages | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

1/ Preliminary

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE

TABLE-3

| | Weekly Earnings | | | Weekly Hours | | | Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. |
| **1982** | | | | | | | | | |
| MANUFACTURING | $ 301.92 | $ 319.06 | $ 344.05 | 37.0 | 39.1 | 39.5 | $ 8.16 | $ 8.16 | $ 8.71 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 333.00 | 355.11 | 405.96 | 37.5 | 39.5 | 40.8 | 8.88 | 8.99 | 9.95 |
| Primary Metals | 437.30 | 438.22 | 426.83 | 39.9 | 42.0 | 41.4 | 10.96 | 10.91 | 10.31 |
| Fabricated Metals | 256.73 | 264.80 | 252.05 | 34.6 | 35.3 | 34.2 | 7.42 | 7.49 | 7.37 |
| Machinery & Trans. Equip. | 369.20 | 375.41 | 453.11 | 38.7 | 39.6 | 41.8 | 9.54 | 9.48 | 10.84 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 289.20 | 299.42 | 300.31 | 36.7 | 38.9 | 38.6 | 7.88 | 7.71 | 7.78 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 210.82 | 223.44 | 213.95 | 36.6 | 39.9 | 37.8 | 5.76 | 5.60 | 5.66 |
| Textile Mill Products | 208.61 | 212.04 | 246.73 | 32.8 | 34.2 | 37.9 | 6.36 | 6.20 | 6.51 |
| Apparel | 130.52 | 167.90 | 160.89 | 26.8 | 35.8 | 34.6 | 4.87 | 4.69 | 4.65 |
| Printing & Publishing | 256.31 | 281.90 | 274.18 | 32.2 | 33.6 | 33.6 | 7.96 | 8.39 | 8.16 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 397.55 | 402.43 | 402.09 | 38.3 | 38.4 | 38.7 | 10.38 | 10.48 | 10.39 |
| Rubber & Plastic Products | 352.31 | 339.89 | 333.28 | 41.4 | 41.4 | 40.3 | 8.51 | 8.21 | 8.27 |
| **1981** | | | | | | | | | |
| MANUFACTURING | $ 317.94 | $ 304.15 | $ 326.40 | 39.3 | 39.5 | 40.0 | $ 8.09 | $ 7.70 | $ 8.16 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 354.02 | 345.10 | 362.06 | 39.6 | 40.6 | 39.7 | 8.94 | 8.50 | 9.12 |
| Primary Metals | 422.06 | 428.06 | 434.08 | 41.5 | 41.6 | 41.9 | 10.17 | 10.29 | 10.36 |
| Fabricated Metals | 263.89 | 278.63 | 283.14 | 36.6 | 37.4 | 36.3 | 7.21 | 7.45 | 7.80 |
| Machinery & Trans. Equip. | 377.62 | 367.43 | 382.97 | 39.5 | 41.1 | 39.4 | 9.56 | 8.94 | 9.72 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 289.38 | 278.58 | 297.48 | 39.0 | 38.8 | 40.2 | 7.42 | 7.18 | 7.40 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 209.43 | 196.18 | 201.96 | 37.6 | 36.6 | 37.4 | 5.57 | 5.36 | 5.40 |
| Textile Mill Products | 229.10 | 220.38 | 215.45 | 39.5 | 38.8 | 37.6 | 5.80 | 5.68 | 5.73 |
| Apparel | 157.67 | 149.52 | 167.08 | 34.5 | 33.6 | 35.7 | 4.57 | 4.45 | 4.68 |
| Printing & Publishing | 273.10 | 278.88 | 280.83 | 33.8 | 34.6 | 34.5 | 8.08 | 8.06 | 8.14 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 386.87 | 369.77 | 398.79 | 41.2 | 41.5 | 42.2 | 9.39 | 8.91 | 9.45 |
| Rubber & Plastic Products | 332.78 | 335.91 | 342.78 | 42.5 | 42.9 | 43.5 | 7.83 | 7.83 | 7.88 |

Covers an average 31,194 production workers

WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)

| | Weekly Earnings | | | Weekly Hours | | | Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. |
| **1982** | | | | | | | | | |
| MANUFACTURING | $ 373.98 | $ 374.61 | $ 399.17 | 38.2 | 38.9 | 39.6 | $ 9.79 | $ 9.63 | $ 10.08 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 352.69 | 366.67 | 410.06 | 37.6 | 39.3 | 40.4 | 9.38 | 9.33 | 10.15 |
| Primary Metals | 437.30 | 458.22 | 426.83 | 39.9 | 42.0 | 41.4 | 10.96 | 10.91 | 10.31 |
| Fabricated Metals | 255.43 | 262.75 | 250.47 | 34.8 | 35.7 | 34.5 | 7.34 | 7.36 | 7.26 |
| Machinery & Trans. Equip. | 340.72 | 366.56 | 438.84 | 37.9 | 39.8 | 41.4 | 8.99 | 9.21 | 10.60 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 391.64 | 383.08 | 383.23 | 38.7 | 38.5 | 38.4 | 10.12 | 9.95 | 9.98 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 206.50 | 174.64 | 185.85 | 38.1 | 32.4 | 35.0 | 5.42 | 5.39 | 5.31 |
| Textile Mill Products | 206.07 | 206.70 | 249.48 | 32.3 | 33.5 | 37.8 | 6.38 | 6.17 | 6.60 |
| Apparel | 161.18 | 174.68 | 179.42 | 29.2 | 33.4 | 33.6 | 5.52 | 5.23 | 5.34 |
| Printing & Publishing | 298.15 | 325.89 | 309.32 | 33.5 | 35.5 | 34.6 | 8.90 | 9.18 | 8.94 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 478.32 | 465.95 | 468.78 | 39.4 | 38.7 | 39.0 | 12.14 | 12.04 | 12.02 |
| Rubber & Plastic Products | 319.70 | 306.81 | 301.92 | 41.9 | 41.8 | 40.8 | 7.63 | 7.34 | 7.40 |
| **1981** | | | | | | | | | |
| MANUFACTURING | $ 366.00 | $ 358.40 | $ 378.95 | 40.0 | 40.0 | 40.4 | $ 9.15 | $ 8.96 | $ 9.38 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 371.05 | 355.60 | 373.03 | 40.2 | 40.0 | 39.6 | 9.23 | 8.89 | 9.42 |
| Primary Metals | 422.06 | 428.06 | 434.08 | 41.5 | 41.6 | 41.9 | 10.17 | 10.29 | 10.36 |
| Fabricated Metals | 264.97 | 277.83 | 280.36 | 36.7 | 37.8 | 36.6 | 7.22 | 7.35 | 7.66 |
| Machinery & Trans. Equip. | 391.13 | 369.74 | 386.89 | 40.7 | 40.9 | 39.6 | 9.61 | 9.04 | 9.77 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 359.00 | 360.70 | 388.13 | 39.8 | 39.9 | 41.6 | 9.02 | 9.04 | 9.33 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 169.78 | 168.66 | 168.73 | 32.4 | 33.8 | 32.7 | 5.24 | 4.99 | 5.16 |
| Textile Mill Products | 232.00 | 221.55 | 215.45 | 40.0 | 38.8 | 37.6 | 5.80 | 5.71 | 5.73 |
| Apparel | 170.17 | 151.36 | 173.54 | 32.6 | 31.6 | 35.2 | 5.22 | 4.79 | 4.93 |
| Printing & Publishing | 320.21 | 327.36 | 317.20 | 35.5 | 36.7 | 35.6 | 9.02 | 8.92 | 8.91 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 413.20 | 421.78 | 468.04 | 40.0 | 40.4 | 42.9 | 10.33 | 10.44 | 10.91 |
| Rubber & Plastic Products | 304.80 | 304.56 | 310.73 | 42.1 | 42.3 | 42.8 | 7.24 | 7.20 | 7.26 |

Covers an average 23,398 production workers

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE-4

| AREA AND OFFICE | WEEKS COMPENSATED | | | AMOUNT OF PAYMENT | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. |
| STATE TOTALS 1/ | 59,869 | 58,811 | 47,678 | $6,187,264 | $6,002,344 | $4,279,633 | $109 | $105 | $ 92 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY/ | 39,733 | 38,144 | 27,601 | 4,453,414 | 4,251,861 | 2,617,625 | 119 | 116 | 98 |
| Wilmington L.O. | 32,379 | 30,197 | 19,416 | 3,812,709 | 3,564,331 | 1,908,842 | 125 | 122 | 102 |
| Newark L.O. | 7,354 | 7,947 | 8,185 | 640,705 | 687,530 | 708,783 | 93 | 91 | 90 |
| KENT COUNTY/ Dover L.O. | 7,171 | 6,907 | 7,261 | 567,629 | 528,759 | 544,239 | 84 | 79 | 77 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY/ Georgetown L.O. | 7,819 | 8,417 | 7,375 | 633,246 | 687,358 | 587,289 | 74 | 70 | 69 |

| AREA AND OFFICE | NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS | | | U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM* WEEKS COMPENSATED | | | U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM* AMOUNT OF PAYMENT | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. |
| STATE TOTALS 1/ | 8,322 | 3,352 | 2,147 | --- | --- | --- | -- | -- | -- |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY/ | 5,685 | 1,987 | 1,310 | --- | --- | --- | -- | -- | -- |
| Wilmington L.O. | 4,867 | 1,435 | 788 | --- | --- | --- | -- | -- | -- |
| Newark L.O. | 818 | 552 | 522 | --- | --- | --- | -- | -- | -- |
| KENT COUNTY/ Dover L.O. | 1,442 | 526 | 424 | --- | --- | --- | -- | -- | -- |
| SUSSEX COUNTY/ Georgetown L.O. | 711 | 519 | 236 | --- | --- | --- | -- | -- | -- |

1/ INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
* APPLICABLE IF STATE COVERED RATE OF 4% AND RATIO OF 120% IS REACHED
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

## DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

TABLE-5

| | 1982 | | | 1981 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF | | | | | |
| | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. |
| TOTAL COUNT | 18,400 | 14,300 | 9,500 | 11,800 | 13,300 | 9,000 |
| Number of Auto Industry | 7,400 | 4,800 | 0 | 900 | 3,400 | 0 |
| Total Less Auto Industry | 11,000 | 9,500 | 9,500 | 10,900 | 9,900 | 9,000 |
| | FOR THE MONTHS OF | | | | | |
| | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. |
| TOTAL COUNT | 62,200 | 58,500 | 49,400 | 67,500 | 48,200 | 40,900 |
| Number of Auto Industry | 19,400 | 16,500 | 4,000 | 22,100 | 7,400 | 0 |
| Total Less Auto Industry | 42,800 | 42,000 | 45,400 | 45,400 | 40,900 | 40,900 |

[1/] DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
## PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

| EXPENDITURE CATEGORY | 1982 | | | 1981 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. |
| All Items | 275.7 | 275.5 | 274.7 | 253.2 | 255.9 | 258.3 |
| Food & Beverages | 278.1 | 281.6 | 281.8 | 264.3 | 264.6 | 264.8 |
| Housing | 290.8 | 289.9 | 288.3 | 262.3 | 265.5 | 269.7 |
| Apparel & Upkeep | 174.2 | 173.1 | 174.7 | 167 4 | 167.5 | 172.4 |
| Transportation | 296.0 | 292.5 | 290.4 | 271.5 | 277.6 | 278.9 |
| Medical | 333.2 | 333.7 | 333.4 | 299.7 | 303.0 | 303.7 |
| Entertainment | 220.0 | 220.7 | 222.5 | 202.7 | 205.6 | 206.4 |
| Other Goods & Services | 248.5 | 250.0 | 249.7 | 224.6 | 224.5 | 225.4 |
| | PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO | | | | | |
| All Items: | | | | | | |
| Monthly | 0.3 | -0.1 | -0.3 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.9 |
| Yearly | 8.9 | 7.7 | 6.3 | 11.4 | 10.7 | 10.1 |
| | UNITED STATES | | | | | |
| All Items: | | | | | | |
| Index | 282.5 | 283.4 | 283.1 | 260.5 | 263.2 | 265.1 |
| Mo. Change (%) | 0.4 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.7 |
| Yr. Change (%) | 8.4 | 7.7 | 6.8 | 11.7 | 11.3 | 10.6 |

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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# DELAWARE and Wilmington (New Castle, De., Salem, N.J. and Cecil, Md. Counties) SMSA (Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area) LABOR MARKET TRENDS

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## -HIGHLIGHTS-

- Delaware's seasonally adjusted June unemployment rate is 8.9% ..... Nationally, the rate remains relatively unchanged, registering 9.5% in June.
- Delpro Inc. shut down its rail car repair shop near Glasgow, laying off 297 people.
- The Perdue Poultry Plant in Felton was destroyed by fire. Three hundred workers were employed at the plant and their future, as well as the plant's, remains uncertain.
- The DuPont Co. averted a planned layoff of 300 workers at the Chambers Works plant.
- Occidental Chemical Corp. shuts down their Cecil County operation. More than 110 employees were laid off.
- GM Boxwood Road hourly employees reject concessions at local level.
- Extended benefit payments total more than $1 million during second quarter.
- Area price index recent slow rate of increase ends, as June costs soar 1.7 percent.
- State Labor Department to relocate its 8th and West street unemployment office in mid-November.
- Extended benefit checks cutoff in July, as required 13 week period ends.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-1

| AREA | YEAR | CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE | | | EMPLOYMENT | | | UNEMPLOYMENT | | | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | APR. | MAY | JUN. 1/ | APR. | MAY | JUN. 1/ | APR. | MAY | JUN. 1/ | APR. | MAY | JUN.1/ |
| DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ. | 1982 | 302.5 | 305.3 | 302.3 | 278.6 | 280.9 | 275.4 | 23.8 | 24.4 | 26.9 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 8.9 |
| | 1981 | 287.1 | 287.2 | 288.4 | 265.6 | 265.1 | 266.8 | 21.5 | 22.1 | 21.6 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 7.5 |
| DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED | 1982 | 299.8 | 305.9 | 309.5 | 277.0 | 284.0 | 281.6 | 22.8 | 21.9 | 27.9 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 9.0 |
| | 1981 | 284.7 | 287.9 | 295.3 | 264.1 | 268.1 | 273.0 | 20.6 | 19.8 | 22.4 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 7.6 |
| WILMINGTON SMSA, SEASONALLY ADJ. | 1982 | 265.9 | 268.0 | 265.6 | 243.8 | 245.4 | 241.0 | 22.0 | 22.7 | 24.6 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 9.3 |
| | 1981 | 254.7 | 254.8 | 255.5 | 235.9 | 235.2 | 237.0 | 18.8 | 19.6 | 18.4 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 7.2 |
| WILMINGTON SMSA, UNADJUSTED | 1982 | 264.7 | 268.1 | 269.3 | 243.7 | 248.1 | 242.9 | 21.0 | 20.0 | 26.3 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 9.8 |
| | 1981 | 253.6 | 255.1 | 258.7 | 235.8 | 237.8 | 239.0 | 17.9 | 17.4 | 19.7 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 7.6 |
| UNITED STATES, SEASONALLY ADJ.2/ | 1982 | 109,648.0 | 110,666.0 | 110,191.0 | 99,340.0 | 100,117.0 | 99,764.0 | 10,307.0 | 10,549.0 | 10,427.0 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 9.5 |
| | 1981 | 108,777.0 | 109,293.0 | 108,434.0 | 100,878.0 | 101,045.0 | 100,430.0 | 7,899.0 | 8,242.0 | 8,004.0 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 7.4 |
| SURROUNDING STATES: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ.2/ | 1982 | 3,655.0 | 3,689.0 | 3,619.0 | 3,320.0 | 3,348.0 | 3,323.0 | 335.0 | 341.0 | 295.0 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 8.2 |
| | 1981 | 3,637.0 | 3,645.0 | 3,577.0 | 3,351.0 | 3,370.0 | 3,325.0 | 286.0 | 275.0 | 252.0 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 7.0 |
| NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.2/ | 1982 | 7,995.0 | 8,101.0 | 8,081.0 | 7,347.0 | 7,439.0 | 7,371.0 | 648.0 | 662.0 | 710.0 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.8 |
| | 1981 | 8,076.0 | 8,031.0 | 8,048.0 | 7,404.0 | 7,419.0 | 7,416.0 | 672.0 | 612.0 | 632.0 | 8.3 | 7.6 | 7.9 |
| PENNSYLVANIA, SEASONALLY ADJ.2/ | 1982 | 5,485.0 | 5,471.0 | 5,396.0 | 4,896.0 | 4,903.0 | 4,870.0 | 589.0 | 568.0 | 526.0 | 10.7 | 10.4 | 9.7 |
| | 1981 | 5,459.0 | 5,508.0 | 5,433.0 | 5,055.0 | 5,042.0 | 4,958.0 | 404.0 | 466.0 | 475.0 | 7.4 | 8.5 | 8.7 |
| MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED | 1982 | 2,190.7 | 2,204.4 | 2,231.4 | 2,001.1 | 2,015.5 | 2,030.4 | 189.7 | 188.9 | 201.0 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 9.0 |
| | 1981 | 2,163.3 | 2,164.5 | 2,194.1 | 2,018.0 | 2,022.5 | 2,039.4 | 145.2 | 142.0 | 154.7 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 7.1 |

1/ PRELIMINARY 2/ SOURCE: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

# LABOR MARKET INFORMATION

*LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE-1)*

*Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, hovering around the 8.0 percent level in March, April and May, rose to an auto-related 8.9 percent in June. Unadjusted, the rate dropped in April and May while rising in June. Nationally, the June rate represented relatively static movement during the quarter, while in the surrounding states of New York and Maryland the rates rose, and in New Jersey and Pennsylvania the rates declined.*

*NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE-2)*

*Seasonal gains throughout the quarter in the nonmanufacturing sectors of contract construction, retail trade and services and mining were partially offset by losses each month in the manufacturing sector. This was especially noticeable in June when total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, after rising the first two months of the quarter, declined slightly to 257,900 as a result of an inventory-related layoff in the auto industry, reflected in the machinery and transportation equipment figure. This sector, coupled with chemicals and allied products, was primarily responsible for the lower totals of each month from a year ago. SMSA employment, following the same quarterly trend as Delaware, was 224,800 in June down 7,500 over the year.*

*HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE-3)*

*In June, Delaware weekly earnings of production workers in manufacturing averaged $336.49. A $55.00 drop in weekly earnings was recorded in fabricated metals bringing this sector's weekly earnings to its lowest level since February, 1978. Overall manufacturing weekly earnings were lower than the comparable year-ago quarter. In the SMSA, June's production workers' average weekly earnings, at $405.30, registered a slight gain over the year.*

*MAJOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - by area and/or industry, which have some significance to the state economy and have appeared in public media.*

*STATEWIDE - Manufacturers Hanover Corp. plans to open a new bank in Delaware. No location has yet been selected..... The United Steelworkers Union rejected steel industry demands for a renegotiated contract that would have saved steelmakers billions of dollars through concessions. The denial means the union will receive pay and cost-of-living increases and raises the possibility of a strike next year.*

*NEW CASTLE COUNTY* - Happy Harry's opened its 16th store on the DuPont Highway at Bacon Avenue in Manor Park in May. The store employs about 15 people..... Groundbreaking began for the new Hercules Inc. photopolymer products plant in Middletown during May. The first stage will be completed by the end of 1982 with more capacity to be added in 1983. The plant will employ 60 people..... The Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) helped assure the construction of the American Life Insurance Company headquarters in Wilmington's Christiana Gateway. The construction, which should begin in late summer, is expected to create 546 new jobs in the city..... The Wilmington Parking Authority sold to the Rubenstein Co. of Philadelphia, a national real estate firm, the right to build an 11-story office building on 13th street directly across from the new Hercules Inc. headquarters. Officials believe construction will begin by the scheduled date of December 31, 1982 with occupancy expected in 1984..... Delpro Inc., blaming the recession, shut down its rail car repair shop near Glasgow, laying off 297 people..... Atlantic Aviation Corp. has laid off 40 people..... Delaware Trust Co. will link to the data center of Pittsburgh's Mellon Bank early next year. Just how many of their 25 related data processing employees will be laid off is uncertain..... Eckerd Drug Co. closed its Newark warehouse in early July, wiping out some 50 jobs. The move is aimed at consolidating its East Coast distribution system..... Construction began on a $20 million, nine-story office building at 10th and Jefferson Streets in Wilmington. The building is expected to be ready for occupancy by January 1983..... The Panda, a new restaurant specializing in Chinese food, opened in the Grand Opera House employing about 20 persons..... Hercules Inc. purchased the 30-acre Brandywine Springs Middle School complex on Duncan Road for $1.2 million and plans to convert the building into administrative or marketing offices for 270 employees. The company expects to move into the building by July 1, 1983 after renovation..... Continental American Life Insurance Co. of Wilmington announced plans for a new $13 million corporate headquarters building adjacent to the Wilmington Medical Center's new Southwest Division in Stanton. Construction is scheduled to start in the fall and completion is expected by the Spring of 1984. They will raze the existing building at 11th and King Streets and replace it with a high-rise office building..... E.F. Hutton got a state charter for trust co. to be located at 901 Market Street. They will begin with fewer than a dozen employees and work up to 100 within three years..... Pep Boys, after much controversy, will build a store at 2902-04 Concord Pike near Talleyville. The store plans to employ 26 persons with construction to begin soon..... The Wilmington Housing Authority's crisis, which threatened to close its doors, appears to be resolved due to a scheduled increase of $1 million in the agency's federal subsidy.

*KENT COUNTY* - Return to work notices were mailed to 220 employees laid off from the General Metalcraft Company of Dover, and all were expected to be back in their old jobs by July 12.....

*The future of the Perdue Poultry Plant in Felton is still uncertain in the wake of the $3 million fire that destroyed the main building of the company's poultry processing plant. Almost 300 workers were employed at the plant and all have been offered employment at the company's Salisbury, Maryland plant. Some have accepted jobs there and also at Perdue's Georgetown plant..... The Dover area received a favorable vote as the House of Representatives overwhelmingly chose the Lockheed C-5B over the Boeing 747 as the plane to increase the Air Force's capacity to haul large military equipment overseas. This has set up a confrontation between the House and Senate to be settled later this summer. Dover AFB is a "prime candidate" for additional planes.*

*SUSSEX COUNTY - First Omni Bank opened in May in Millsboro. Approximately 239 employees were initially employed with another 50 to be hired by October 1..... John Evans' Sons Inc., a small springs manufacturing company from Landsdale, Pennsylvania, plans to open a factory near Dagsboro by the end of the summer and will employ 15 to 20 people..... Old Salt Seafood Co. has closed its Lewes surf clam shelling plant to consolidate operations at its Easton, Maryland headquarters. Of the 47 employed at the plant, 22 were asked to go to Easton ..... Coastal Stock Tab Company, a computer form printing company based in Chicago, opened at the Georgetown Industrial Park in June. Some 250 persons applied for the available 20 semi-skilled jobs..... More than 100 jobs could be coming to Georgetown if a federal grant for the building of a nursing home is approved this summer. The home, to be built just outside of Georgetown and called the Georgetown Health Care Center, is expected to create 83 full-time and 31 part-time jobs in addition to an uncertain number of initial construction jobs.*

*SURROUNDING AREAS - A DuPont Co. plan offering cash incentives for early retirement prevented the planned May layoff of more than 300 workers at the Chamber Works in Deepwater, N.J..... Occidental Chemical Corp., a plastics manufacturing firm in Perryville, MD, shut down operations in June, laying off more than 110 employees. Although being labeled permanent, the plant could reopen. A decrease in the demand for its plastic material was cited for the closing..... The Defense Department awarded a $411 million battleship refurbishing contract to two Gulf Coast shipbuilders, dashing hopes of Delaware Valley officials that the work would go to Pennsylvania Shipbuilding Co. in Chester, PA.. The loss is a disappointment for the area economy as the number of workers needed for the repairs was estimated at 1,000.*

*AUTO INDUSTRY - General Motors spokesman and Governor Pierre S. duPont have said that the agreement signed by GM with Isuzu Motors Ltd. of Japan to begin importing as many as 200,000 subcompact cars a year in 1984, is not expected to bring cutbacks at the GM plant in Delaware..... Chrysler's one-week production*

shutdown in Newark was designed to adjust dealers' inventories of K-Cars built at the plant..... General Motors' Boxwood Road hourly employees will continue to work for the next two years under their old contract, as members of Local 435 rejected concessions at the local level..... The five major U.S. automakers reported that mid-July new car sales dropped to their lowest level in 24 years. In addition, June marked the 39th straight month of sales decline..... The United Auto Workers Union launched a campaign to collect up to 50,000 petitions urging adoption of a law requiring foreign cars sold in the U.S. to contain a significant amount of American parts and labor. So called "domestic-content" bills have been offered in both houses of congress with some 200 house members and 16 senators listed as co-sponsors..... General Motors Corp. will temporarily furlough about 4,000 autoworkers for three weeks, beginning August 16. The move is designed to reduce high inventories at car dealerships.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Weeks of regular UI benefits compensated totaled 31,854 in June, with a benefit amount of $2,972,358 paid out. The average size of payment for UI regular total unemployment during that same period rose over the preceding two months to an auto industry-related $101.

Extended benefit payments amounted to $598,115 in June for 6,178 weeks of compensation. For the quarter, the total paid out was $1,115,239 as 11,531 weeks were compensated. Extended benefits were triggered off during the recent 13 weeks extended period and payments were discontinued as of the claim week ending July 17, 1982 (see announcements).

Continued claim monthly counts in Delaware registered 33,600 in April, typically dropping from the levels recorded in the previous three months. Overall, the monthly counts of April and May were relatively close to last year levels, while June's count was significantly higher due to adverse industry developments including the one-week temporary shutdown of an auto plant. For the weeks that include the 12th of the month the above trend prevailed leaving the June figure at 10,000.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITY

Unfilled Job Openings in demand at the end of June were as follows:

STATEWIDE - Salesperson of general merchandise, 34 openings; nurse's aide, 16; automobile assembler, 9; automobile mechanic, 8; sewing machine operator, 8; carpenter, 8; clerk, general, 7; janitor, 7; clerktypist, 6; guard, security, 6; maintenance repairer, building, 6; and truck driver, light, 5 openings.

*WILMINGTON SMSA* - Salesperson, general merchandise, 33 openings; nurse's aide, 14; automobile assembler, 9; sewing machine operator, 8; automobile mechanic, 7; carpenter, 7; maintenance reparier, building, 6; licensed practical nurse, 5; clerk-typist, 5; clerks-general, 5; and proof machine operator, 4 openings.

*Characteristics of Job Seekers* in June were as follows:

*STATEWIDE* - Of approximately 16,034 applicants, 51 percent were male, 49 percent were white, 44 percent were black, 26 percent were under 22, 53 percent were 22 to 39, and 21 percent were 40 and over. By educational level, 45 percent had not finished high school, 42 percent had graduated from high school, and 13 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 41 percent of the applicants were considered economically disadvantaged and 33 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.

*WILMINGTON SMSA* - Of about 8,702 applicants, 43 percent were male, 32 percent were white, 58 percent were black, 24 percent were under 22, 57 percent were 22 to 39, and 19 percent were 40 and over. By educational level, 51 percent had not finished high school, 40 percent had graduated from high school, and 10 percent had education beyond the 12th grade. About 60 percent of the applicants were considered economically disadvantaged and 22 percent were receiving unemployment compensation.

## *CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE-6)*

The Consumer Price Index for all items in the Philadelphia Area reversed its two-month downward trend in April, remained constant in May, then surged forward by 1.7 percent in June to register 279.7. *Nationally*, the index increased steadily from 283.1 in March to 290.6.

## *ANNOUNCEMENT*

### *UNEMPLOYMENT OFFICE TO MOVE*

The state Labor Department will *close* its 8th and West street unemployment office when its lease runs out in November, after 21 years of service at the location. Citing federal budget cuts, the agency plans to move its unemployment lines and job-referral services to smaller, less expensive quarters at the rear of the Cannery, a shopping center on Lancaster Pike near Wilmington High School.

### *LABOR SURPLUS AREAS DETERMINED*

The U.S. Labor Department has issued a new labor surplus area listing effective June 1, 1982 through May 31, 1983.

Employers located in eligible labor surplus areas are entitled to preference in bidding on Federal procurement contracts.

*The City of Wilmington was the only civil jurisdiction eligible in Delaware, however a petition has been filed to add Kent County to the list due to an unexpected rise in unemployment not reflected in the reference period.*

*Interested employers may contact the Mid-Atlantic Business Service Center of the General Services Administration, at (215) 597-9613, in Philadelphia, PA.*

*EXTENDED BENEFITS END*

*Extended UI unemployment benefit checks in Delaware were cutoff the claim week ending July 17. The program began April 18 and lasted only the required 13 weeks as the state's unemployment rate dropped below the trigger level during that period.*

*Questions concerning extended benefits can be answered by contacting any of the four local offices in the state or the UI Administrative office at (302) 368-6732.*

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY - BY PLACE OF WORK
(In Thousands)

TABLE-2

| INDUSTRY GROUP | DELAWARE | | | | | | WILMINGTON SMSA | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1982 | | | 1981 | | | 1982 | | | 1981 | | |
| | April | May | June 1/ | April | May | June | April | May | June 1/ | April | May | June |
| Total NonAg. Wage & Salary | 256.1 | 258.3 | 257.9 | 259.1 | 260.0 | 264.5 | 225.9 | 226.8 | 224.8 | 230.1 | 230.2 | 232.3 |
| Manufacturing | 69.3 | 68.7 | 66.7 | 71.8 | 71.7 | 73.1 | 63.0 | 62.7 | 59.7 | 65.7 | 65.6 | 66.4 |
| Durable Goods | 19.4 | 19.2 | 16.2 | 21.0 | 20.8 | 21.1 | 20.2 | 20.1 | 17.2 | 22.2 | 22.1 | 22.5 |
| Primary Metals | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| Fabricated Metals | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Mach. & Trans. Equipment | 11.1 | 11.0 | 7.9 | 12.1 | 12.2 | 12.2 | 12.2 | 12.1 | 9.0 | 13.0 | 13.2 | 13.3 |
| Other Durable Goods | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 49.9 | 49.5 | 50.5 | 50.7 | 50.9 | 52.0 | 42.9 | 42.6 | 42.5 | 43.5 | 43.5 | 44.0 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 8.0 | 7.9 | 8.6 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 9.0 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Textile Mill Products | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Apparel | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Printing & Publishing | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| Chemicals & Allied Prod. | 31.1 | 31.0 | 31.1 | 31.6 | 31.5 | 31.7 | 33.8 | 33.6 | 33.5 | 34.2 | 34.1 | 34.3 |
| Rubber & Plastics | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Nonmanufacturing | 186.8 | 189.6 | 191.3 | 187.4 | 188.3 | 191.4 | 162.8 | 164.1 | 165.1 | 164.4 | 164.5 | 165.8 |
| Construction | 14.0 | 14.7 | 14.8 | 13.0 | 12.8 | 13.6 | 14.2 | 14.6 | 14.9 | 13.8 | 13.4 | 14.1 |
| Trans. & Public Utilities | 11.9 | 12.1 | 12.1 | 12.2 | 12.3 | 12.2 | 11.5 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 12.0 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 54.9 | 56.2 | 57.3 | 55.4 | 56.6 | 58.2 | 46.0 | 46.4 | 46.9 | 47.1 | 47.5 | 47.8 |
| Wholesale Trade | 11.6 | 11.7 | 11.6 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 11.5 | 9.8 | 10.0 | 9.9 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.8 |
| Retail Trade | 43.4 | 44.4 | 45.6 | 44.1 | 45.3 | 46.7 | 36.2 | 36.5 | 37.0 | 37.4 | 37.8 | 38.0 |
| Finance, Ins. & Real Estate | 12.8 | 12.9 | 13.1 | 12.6 | 12.7 | 13.1 | 12.0 | 12.1 | 12.4 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 12.1 |
| Services & Mining | 48.7 | 49.3 | 50.7 | 48.8 | 48.7 | 50.1 | 43.7 | 43.8 | 45.0 | 43.5 | 43.7 | 44.8 |
| Government | 44.4 | 44.5 | 43.3 | 45.4 | 45.1 | 44.2 | 35.4 | 35.5 | 34.2 | 36.4 | 36.2 | 35.0 |
| Federal Government | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| State & Local Government | 39.1 | 39.1 | 37.7 | 40.0 | 39.7 | 38.7 | 31.0 | 31.0 | 29.7 | 32.0 | 31.7 | 30.5 |
| State | 21.5 | 21.7 | 20.0 | 21.8 | 21.8 | 20.6 | 13.5 | 13.7 | 12.2 | 14.3 | 14.3 | 12.9 |
| Local | 17.6 | 17.4 | 17.7 | 18.1 | 17.9 | 18.1 | 17.5 | 17.4 | 17.5 | 17.7 | 17.4 | 17.6 |
| Persons Involved in Work Stoppages | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 |

1/ Preliminary NOTE: Data are compiled in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

DELAWARE

TABLE-3

1982

| | Weekly Earnings | | | Weekly Hours | | | Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | April | May | June 1/ | April | May | June 1/ | April | May | June 1/ |
| MANUFACTURING | $ 332.72 | $ 344.96 | $ 336.49 | 38.2 | 39.2 | 38.9 | $ 8.71 | $ 8.80 | $ 8.65 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 371.51 | 394.80 | 377.72 | 38.3 | 40.0 | 38.0 | 9.70 | 9.87 | 9.94 |
| Primary Metals | 410.29 | 420.24 | 430.95 | 39.3 | 40.8 | 41.2 | 10.44 | 10.30 | 10.46 |
| Fabricated Metals | 246.16 | 249.06 | 194.06 | 34.0 | 34.4 | 31.0 | 7.24 | 7.24 | 6.26 |
| Machinery & Trans. Equip. | 405.02 | 439.29 | 443.08 | 38.5 | 40.6 | 38.0 | 10.52 | 10.82 | 11.66 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 304.80 | 309.21 | 315.21 | 38.1 | 38.7 | 39.5 | 8.00 | 7.99 | 7.98 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 222.34 | 233.60 | 234.84 | 38.6 | 40.0 | 41.2 | 5.76 | 5.84 | 5.70 |
| Textile Mill Products | 240.26 | 237.91 | 244.34 | 37.6 | 37.0 | 38.6 | 6.39 | 6.43 | 6.33 |
| Apparel | 164.57 | 165.12 | 164.61 | 34.5 | 34.4 | 35.4 | 4.77 | 4.80 | 4.65 |
| Printing & Publishing | 292.92 | 292.22 | 296.69 | 34.3 | 34.5 | 34.7 | 8.54 | 8.47 | 8.55 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 417.14 | 411.26 | 429.07 | 38.2 | 38.4 | 38.9 | 10.92 | 10.71 | 11.03 |
| Rubber & Plastic Products | 326.36 | 340.98 | 344.20 | 39.8 | 40.4 | 37.7 | 8.20 | 8.44 | 9.13 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | | | |
| MANUFACTURING | $ 344.21 | $ 359.97 | $ 357.18 | 40.4 | 42.2 | 43.4 | $ 8.52 | $ 8.53 | $ 8.23 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 404.16 | 430.30 | 413.53 | 42.1 | 45.2 | 44.9 | 9.60 | 9.52 | 9.21 |
| Primary Metals | 488.86 | 396.79 | 413.70 | 43.3 | 39.6 | 40.4 | 11.29 | 10.02 | 10.24 |
| Fabricated Metals | 269.01 | 283.49 | 271.82 | 36.6 | 37.9 | 37.7 | 7.35 | 7.48 | 7.21 |
| Machinery & Trans. Equip. | 446.09 | 496.87 | 473.73 | 43.1 | 48.1 | 47.9 | 10.35 | 10.33 | 9.98 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 296.79 | 305.24 | 313.55 | 39.0 | 39.9 | 42.2 | 7.61 | 7.65 | 7.43 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 201.62 | 222.31 | 237.40 | 37.2 | 40.2 | 43.8 | 5.42 | 5.53 | 5.42 |
| Textile Mill Products | 236.61 | 242.19 | 237.39 | 39.5 | 39.0 | 41.1 | 5.99 | 6.21 | 5.92 |
| Apparel | 164.50 | 156.96 | 162.17 | 36.8 | 33.9 | 35.8 | 4.47 | 4.63 | 4.53 |
| Printing & Publishing | 283.75 | 280.23 | 277.02 | 33.7 | 34.3 | 34.2 | 8.42 | 8.17 | 8.10 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 420.43 | 420.51 | 413.13 | 41.3 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 10.18 | 10.06 | 9.89 |
| Rubber & Plastic Products | 331.13 | 355.26 | 372.27 | 42.6 | 41.6 | 43.9 | 7.82 | 8.54 | 8.48 |

Covers an average 257,500 production workers

WILMINGTON STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)

1982

| | Weekly Earnings | | | Weekly Hours | | | Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | April | May | June 1/ | April | May | June 1/ | April | May | June 1/ |
| MANUFACTURING | $ 388.10 | $ 406.53 | $ 405.30 | 37.9 | 39.7 | 38.6 | $ 10.24 | $ 10.24 | $ 10.50 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 377.95 | 404.94 | 394.34 | 37.2 | 39.7 | 38.1 | 10.16 | 10.20 | 10.35 |
| Primary Metals | 410.29 | 420.24 | 430.95 | 39.3 | 40.8 | 41.2 | 10.44 | 10.30 | 10.46 |
| Fabricated Metals | 254.04 | 257.71 | 200.66 | 34.8 | 35.4 | 31.8 | 7.30 | 7.28 | 6.31 |
| Machinery & Trans. Equip. | 394.34 | 428.39 | 434.21 | 37.7 | 40.3 | 38.7 | 10.46 | 10.63 | 11.22 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 402.62 | 409.94 | 417.20 | 38.9 | 39.8 | 39.1 | 10.35 | 10.30 | 10.67 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 183.54 | 255.17 | 212.61 | 34.5 | 44.3 | 37.3 | 5.32 | 5.76 | 5.70 |
| Textile Mill Products | 248.57 | 238.61 | 241.78 | 38.9 | 37.4 | 38.5 | 6.39 | 6.38 | 6.28 |
| Apparel | 177.78 | 172.58 | 168.62 | 32.5 | 31.9 | 31.4 | 5.47 | 5.41 | 5.37 |
| Printing & Publishing | 333.11 | 330.08 | 335.88 | 35.4 | 35.8 | 36.0 | 9.41 | 9.22 | 9.33 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 498.49 | 498.48 | 518.16 | 39.5 | 40.2 | 40.8 | 12.62 | 12.40 | 12.70 |
| Rubber & Plastic Products | 299.70 | 315.65 | 317.34 | 40.5 | 41.1 | 37.6 | 7.40 | 7.68 | 8.44 |
| 1981 | | | | | | | | | |
| MANUFACTURING | $ 403.35 | $ 411.70 | $ 400.78 | 41.2 | 42.4 | 42.5 | $ 9.79 | $ 9.71 | $ 9.43 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 417.78 | 436.10 | 418.13 | 42.2 | 44.5 | 44.2 | 9.90 | 9.80 | 9.46 |
| Primary Metals | 488.86 | 396.79 | 413.70 | 43.3 | 39.6 | 40.4 | 11.29 | 10.02 | 10.24 |
| Fabricated Metals | 264.99 | 281.96 | 272.37 | 36.3 | 38.0 | 38.2 | 7.30 | 7.42 | 7.13 |
| Machinery & Trans. Equip. | 446.95 | 485.60 | 463.89 | 43.1 | 47.1 | 47.0 | 10.37 | 10.31 | 9.87 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 381.52 | 377.62 | 374.66 | 39.7 | 39.5 | 39.9 | 9.61 | 9.56 | 9.39 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 173.40 | 184.04 | 199.11 | 34.0 | 34.4 | 36.4 | 5.10 | 5.35 | 5.47 |
| Textile Mill Products | 240.37 | 246.18 | 242.19 | 39.6 | 39.2 | 40.5 | 6.07 | 6.28 | 5.98 |
| Apparel | 175.44 | 170.42 | 166.49 | 34.4 | 32.4 | 33.1 | 5.10 | 5.26 | 5.03 |
| Printing & Publishing | 324.34 | 329.06 | 317.20 | 34.8 | 36.4 | 35.6 | 9.32 | 9.04 | 8.91 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 461.60 | 449.12 | 445.26 | 40.0 | 40.1 | 40.7 | 11.54 | 11.20 | 10.94 |
| Rubber & Plastic Products | 303.54 | 326.93 | 325.82 | 42.1 | 41.7 | 43.5 | 7.21 | 7.84 | 7.72 |

Covers an average 225,800 production workers

NOTE: Data are compiled in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR
U.I. REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAMS BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE-4

| AREA AND OFFICE | WEEKS COMPENSATED | | | AMOUNT OF PAYMENT | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | APR. | MAY | JUN. | APR. | MAY | JUN. | APR. | MAY | JUN. |
| STATE TOTALS 1/ | 33,890 | 26,549 | 31,854 | $ 2,833,767 | $ 2,224,978 | $ 2,972,358 | $ 85 | $ 85 | $ 96 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY/ | 18,058 | 14,289 | 19,077 | 1,545,957 | 1,226,502 | 1,855,056 | 89 | 89 | 101 |
| Wilmington L.O. | 11,072 | 8,634 | 12,830 | 942,610 | 734,630 | 1,303,513 | 88 | 88 | 105 |
| Newark L.O. | 6,986 | 5,655 | 6,247 | 603,347 | 491,872 | 551,543 | 90 | 90 | 92 |
| KENT COUNTY/ | | | | | | | | | |
| Dover L.O. | 5,711 | 4,681 | 5,852 | 398,508 | 319,448 | 449,471 | 72 | 71 | 80 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY/ | | | | | | | | | |
| Georgetown L.O. | 5,664 | 4,090 | 3,129 | 464,827 | 339,628 | 282,484 | 69 | 70 | 76 |

| AREA AND OFFICE | NUMBER OF UI FIRST PAYMENTS | | | U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM* WEEKS COMPENSATED | | | U.I. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM* AMOUNT OF PAYMENT | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | APR. | MAY | JUN. | APR. | MAY | JUN. | APR. | MAY | JUN. |
| STATE TOTALS 1/ | 1,340 | 1,353 | 1,734 | 583 | 4,770 | 6,178 | $56,637 | $460,487 | $598,115 |
| NEW CASTLE COUNTY/ | 763 | 658 | 1,027 | 314 | 2,738 | 3,662 | 30,886 | 272,620 | 361,969 |
| Wilmington L.O. | 414 | 364 | 574 | 175 | 1,459 | 2,183 | 16,475 | 140,411 | 210,210 |
| Newark L.O. | 349 | 294 | 453 | 139 | 1,279 | 1,479 | 14,411 | 132,209 | 151,759 |
| KENT COUNTY/ | | | | | | | | | |
| Dover L.O. | 231 | 308 | 309 | 92 | 821 | 961 | 8,068 | 65,236 | 75,967 |
| SUSSEX COUNTY/ | | | | | | | | | |
| Georgetown L.O. | 188 | 233 | 147 | 122 | 742 | 662 | 11,468 | 69,901 | 61,000 |

1/ INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
* APPLICABLE IF STATE COVERED RATE OF 4% AND RATIO OF 120% IS REACHED
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

## DELAWARE UI REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS[1/]

TABLE-5

| | 1982 | | | 1981 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF | | | | | |
| | APR. | MAY | JUN. | APR. | MAY | JUN. |
| TOTAL COUNT | 7,900 | 6,700 | 10,000 | 7,800 | 6,800 | 6,200 |
| Number of Auto Industry | 0 | 0 | 3,200 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Less Auto Industry | 7,900 | 6,700 | 6,800 | 7,800 | 6,800 | 6,200 |
| | FOR THE MONTHS OF | | | | | |
| | APR. | MAY | JUN. | APR. | MAY | JUN. |
| TOTAL COUNT | 33,600 | 28,400 | 34,700 | 32,700 | 27,600 | 27,700 |
| Number of Auto Industry | 0 | 0 | 3,200 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Less Auto Industry | 33,600 | 28,400 | 31,500 | 32,700 | 27,600 | 27,700 |

[1/] DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
## PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

| EXPENDITURE CATEGORY | 1982 | | | 1981 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | APR. | MAY | JUN. | APR. | MAY | JUN. |
| All Items | 275.1 | 275.1 | 279.7 | 261.0 | 261.9 | 265.4 |
| Food & Beverages | 284.5 | 283.1 | 286.1 | 265.7 | 266.9 | 267.7 |
| Housing | 287.1 | 287.7 | 295.1 | 274.3 | 274.5 | 281.3 |
| Apparel & Upkeep | 178.2 | 175.4 | 178.8 | 172.4 | 171.9 | 171.9 |
| Transportation | 287.9 | 288.4 | 293.0 | 280.9 | 282.8 | 284.2 |
| Medical | 334.3 | 334.9 | 336.2 | 305.5 | 305.6 | 308.1 |
| Entertainment | 223.9 | 225.1 | 223.8 | 210.3 | 213.3 | 217.8 |
| Other Goods & Services | 254.9 | 255.8 | 258.6 | 225.6 | 228.4 | 230.1 |
| | PERCENT CHANGE FROM PRECEDING MONTH AND YEAR AGO | | | | | |
| All Items: | | | | | | |
| Monthly | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 1.3 |
| Yearly | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 9.9 | 9.4 | 9.4 |
| | UNITED STATES | | | | | |
| All Items: | | | | | | |
| Index | 284.3 | 287.1 | 290.6 | 266.8 | 269.0 | 271.3 |
| Mo. Change (%) | 0.4 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Yr. Change (%) | 6.6 | 6.7 | 7.1 | 10.0 | 9.8 | 9.6 |

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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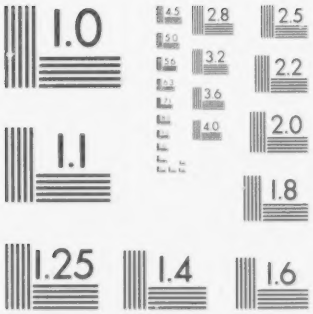


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